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Gates Foundation: Grand Challenges Explorations

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is accepting proposals for Round 8 of its Grand Challenges Explorations, a \$100 million grant initiative designed to encourage innovation in global health and development research. The program provides initial grants of \$100,000 to scientists, inventors, and entrepreneurs from around the world who are pursuing unconventional ideas that could transform health and agricultural development in the world's poorest countries. Topics of investigation in this funding round include protecting crops from biotic stresses from field to market; exploring nutrition to promote the healthy growth of infants and children; applying synthetic biology to global health challenges; designing new approaches to the optimization of immunization systems; and exploring new solutions in global health priority areas. The program is open to any individual working in any discipline, from student to tenured professor, and from any organization — colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies.

Deadline: November 17, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$100,000

Grant Link: <http://www.grandchallenges.org/Explorations/Pages/ApplicationInstructions.aspx>

Basic Research to Enable Agricultural Development

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) are partnering to support a new research program to be administered by NSF. The objective of the BREAD Program is to support innovative basic scientific research designed to address key constraints to smallholder agriculture in the developing world. A significant distinction between BREAD and other NSF programs is that proposals to BREAD must make a clear and well-defined connection between the outcomes of the proposed basic research and its direct relevance and potential application to agriculture in the developing world. The BREAD Program takes the activities of the Plant Genome Research Program (PGRP) to the next level by supporting a broader range of scientific research and by enabling funding to be allocated to international collaborators through subawards. The Program's focus is on novel, transformative basic research at the proof-of-concept stage rather than its application or development. Especially encouraged are original proposals that address major constraints to the productivity of crops important to smallholder farmers, or on the development of novel and efficient production practices. Although the Program places an initial emphasis on crop improvement, it will also consider innovative basic research proposals from scientists in all fields of research in the biological and physical sciences and en-

gineering as long as the proposed research is consistent with the Program objectives. Up to \$12 million is anticipated to be available for funding to this program for FY 2012.

Deadline: November 22, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11579/nsf11579.pdf>

Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to compete for financial assistance through the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Grant Program (OASDFR). This program will assist community-based organizations, higher education institutions and eligible tribal entities in providing outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The overall goal of the OASDFR Program is to assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in a linguistically appropriate manner in owning and operating farms, ranches and non-industrial forest lands while increasing their participation in agricultural programs provided by USDA.

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$800,000

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2m4TT02MpFSCbltcTt2KX2SLTpFLT2XvMqTwzHqn0YH2IGSdJbQ1!347337819?oppld=129933&mode=VIEW>

California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP)

The California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP) is a statewide grant funding program that supports local efforts to establish agricultural conservation easements and planning projects for the purpose of preserving important agricultural land resources. The CFCP provides grants to local governments and qualified non-profit organizations. The Department of Conservation's California Farmland Conservancy Program provides grants to local governments and qualified nonprofit organizations for the following purposes: 1) voluntary acquisition of conservation easements on agricultural lands that are under pressure of being converted to non-agricultural uses; 2) temporary purchase of agricultural lands that are under pressure of being converted to non-agricultural uses, as a phase in the process of placing agricultural conservation easements on farmland; 3) agricultural land conservation policy and planning projects; and 4) restoration of and improvements to agricultural land already under easement

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant: \$100,000

Grant Link: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/cfcp/Pages/Index.aspx>

Simply Organic 1% Grant

The Simply Organic 1% fund supports and promotes the growth of organic and sustainable agriculture. The types of projects they support include: research into organic production methods and crop improvement; educating farmers on organic growing techniques, certification standards and documentation; educating the public on the value of organic agriculture; and developing projects that help organic farmers to be more efficient, produce better products, and add value to their products. They evaluate grant requests based on the following criteria: how well it meets the goals of the SO1% fund; cost vs. benefit of the project; the goals, values, reputation, and track record of the organization making the request; recommendations from others in the organic community; and thoroughness and professionalism of application (all requested information provided, typed document, specific monetary request, details on how the money will be used, clear and understandable presentation, etc.)

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.simplyorganicfoods.com/simplyorganic/ourvalues/applying.php>

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF) is an award-winning international nonprofit charity dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water. FTPF programs strategically donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations, at places such as community gardens, public schools, city/state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, international hunger relief sites, and animal sanctuaries. Orchard donations are available for recipients who pledge to care for their trees and utilize them for a charitable purpose. If selected for an orchard donation, FTPF provides high-quality fruit trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and after-care training and manuals.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.ftpf.org/apply.htm>

ANIMAL-RELATED

Sea World & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund

The SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, a nonprofit organization created by Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks, supports wildlife research, habitat protection, animal rescue, and conservation education in the United States and around the world. Since its inception in 2003, the fund has awarded more than \$8 million in total support, including animal crisis grants to fund rapid response efforts when animals or their habitats are in peril due to either natural or human-caused events and catastrophes. Projects are supported in four key areas: 1) Species research; 2) Animal rescue and rehabilitation; 3) Habitat protection; and 4) Conservation Education.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$25,000

Grant Link: <http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/grantInfo.htm>

Maddie's Fund®

Maddie's Fund grants are designed to help build a no-kill nation so that all shelter dogs and cats can be guaranteed a loving home. Maddie's Fund currently offers fourteen different grants, ranging in size from \$5,000 starter grants to multi-million dollar community collaborative grants. Current funding opportunities fall into five categories: 1) Starter grants; 2) Community collaborative grants; 3) Lifesaving awards; 4) Colleges of Veterinary Medicine grants; and 5) Medical equipment grants.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.maddiesfund.org/Grant_Guidelines.html

Animal Welfare Trust

Animal Welfare Trust's grant program seeks to assist organizations whose work can help alleviate animal suffering and/or raise public consciousness toward giving animals the respect they so need and deserve. Although general organizational funding will be considered, preference will be given to well-defined projects with clear goals and objectives. Areas of priority include farm animal welfare, vegetarianism and humane education.

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant: \$20,000

Grant Link: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/awt/prog.html>

Second Chance Fund

The Second Chance Fund is set up to give animal victims of abuse or neglect a second chance at life. Financial assistance is provided, in select cases, to animal welfare organizations and rescue groups responsible for the temporary care of animals as they are prepared for adoption into permanent, loving homes. Funding to any one agency is limited to \$2,000 per fiscal year. Only animal sheltering agencies (private or public) and rescue groups are considered for the Second Chance Fund. Individuals, businesses and corporations are not provided for in the guidelines of the fund.

Deadline: Grants are awarded year-round as funds are available

Maximum Grant: \$2,000

Grant Link: <http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/professional-resources/for-shelter-professionals/grant-programs/second-chance-fund.html>

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

The ASPCA Disaster Fund and is accepting disaster grant applications from qualified shelters and other animal welfare organizations responding to companion animal care emergencies resulting from the recent floods and tornadoes in the United States. Applicants to the ASPCA Disaster Fund must be a nonprofit organization or government agency (such as a municipal or county animal control) with an animal welfare mission and a federal tax ID (Employer Identification Number); a qualified shelter and/or other animal welfare organization in states affected by or responding to recent severe weather incidents, or organizations outside those states providing outreach and assistance; directly affected by or providing/participating in direct response to the spring 2011 natural disasters; and in need of immediate assistance.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.aspcapro.org/emergency-and-disaster-response-grants.php>

Support for Animal Rescue Groups

United Animal Nations: Lifeline Crisis Relief Grants
Lifeline Crisis Relief Grants, offered by United Animal Nations (UAN), provide support to grassroots and rescue groups nationwide that need to act quickly to ensure safe lifetime care for a group of animals who are being rescued via large-scale criminal seizure or surrender. Funded situations must involve rescuing a minimum of ten equines or farmed animals, or a minimum of 30 dogs, cats, or other small animals. Grants are given to projects that are one-time in nature. Visit the UAN website for examples of funded projects as well as grant application guidelines.

Deadline : Open

Grant Link: <http://www.uan.org/index.cfm?navid=167>

ARTS & CULTURE

Grants for Non-Profit Professional Theatres

The Shubert Foundation annually awards unrestricted grants for general operating support to nonprofit, professional resident theatres in the United States. Foundation grants are awarded exclusively to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Grants are awarded based on an assessment of each organization's operation and its contribution to the field. Artistic achievement, administrative strength, and fiscal stability are factored into each evaluation, as is the company's development of new work and other significant contributions to the field of professional theatre in the United States.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$150,000

Grant Link: <http://www.shubertfoundation.org/grantapps/default.asp>

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. To preserve and ensure continued access to such collections, institutions must implement preventive conservation measures, which encompass managing relative humidity, temperature, light, and pollutants in collection spaces; providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections; and safeguarding collections from theft and from natural and man-made disasters. This program helps cultural repositories plan and implement preservation strategies that pragmatically balance effectiveness, cost, and environmental impact. To help institutions develop sound preventive conservation projects, NEH encourages collaborative and interdisciplinary planning, which is important for identifying sustainable strategies. Such planning should include consideration of the following factors: the nature of the materials in a collection; the performance of the building, its envelope, and its systems in moderating internal environmental conditions; the capabilities of the institution; the nature of the local climate and the effects of climate change; the cost-effectiveness and energy efficiency of various approaches to preventive conservation; and the project's impact on the environment. Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections offers two kinds of awards: grants for planning and for implementation. The maximum grant for planning applications is \$50,000 and the maximum grant for implementation grants is \$350,000.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$350,000

Grant Link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SCHC.html>

MacArthur Foundation Announces Open Call for Documentary Film Proposals

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Media, Culture, and Special Initiatives program supports the production and distribution of social-issue documentary films intended for a broad audience. The foundation has announced it will be accepting proposals for documentary film projects from November 1, 2011, to December 2, 2011. This highly competitive program seeks to fund documentary projects that address the significant social challenges of our time and/or explore important but under-reported topics. Domestic and international topics are welcome, and preference will be given to projects that align with one of MacArthur's grantmaking areas.

Deadline: December 2, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.macfound.org/site/c.1kLXJ8MQKrH/b.943279/k.C2BD/>

[General Grantmaking Media Grantmaking Guidelines.htm](#)

All Roads Seed Grant

This grant funds film projects by or about indigenous and underrepresented minority cultures from around the world and seeks to support filmmakers who bring their community stories to light through first-person storytelling.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

Grant Link: <http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/all-roads/film/>

America's Historical and Cultural Organizations

The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) and Heritage Preservation seek nominations for their joint AIC/Heritage Preservation Ross Merrill Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections. Click here for information on previous recipients. The award is presented annually to an organization in North America that has been exemplary in the importance and priority it has given to conservation concerns and in the commitment it has shown to the preservation and care of its cultural property within the context of its broader mission, which may include interpretation, research, scholarship, education, and/or public outreach. The nominee should be a North American not-for-profit organization of any size responsible for cultural property that may include collections, historic sites and structures. Cultural property is defined as material that may be artistic, historic, scientific, religious or social and is an invaluable and irreplaceable legacy that must be preserved for future generations. Collections can include fine arts, library and archival materials, natural history, natural science, musical instruments, textiles, technology, archaeology, ethnography and photography. If a collection is located in a historical building or site, that building or site should be considered part of the collection.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

Grant Link: http://www.heritagepreservation.org/awards/aic_nominations.htm

National Medal for Museum and Library Community Service

The Institute of Museums and Library Services is inviting supporters of outstanding museums and libraries to nominate their favorite institutions for the National Medal for Museum

and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for exemplary museum and library community service. The National Medal honors museums and libraries that make extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions. Selected institutions demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service and exceed the expected levels of community outreach. These organizations have established themselves as community anchor institutions.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=13>

America's Historical and Cultural Organizations

NEH offers two categories of grants for America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: planning and implementation grants. **Planning grants** are available for projects that may need further development before applying for implementation. This planning can include the identification and refinement of the project's main humanities ideas and questions, consultation with scholars, preliminary audience evaluation, preliminary design of the proposed interpretive formats, beta testing of digital formats, development of complementary programming, research, or the drafting of interpretive materials. **Implementation grants** support the final preparation of a project for presentation to the public. Applicants must submit a full walkthrough for an exhibition, or a prototype or storyboard for a digital project, which demonstrates a solid command of the humanities ideas and scholarship that relate to the subject. Applicants for implementation grants should have already finished most of the planning for their projects, including the identification of the key humanities themes, relevant scholarship, and program formats. For exhibitions, implementation grants can support the final stages of design development, but these grants are primarily intended for installation. America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants support • traveling exhibitions that are presented at multiple venues; • long-term exhibitions at one institution; • interpretive websites or other digital formats; • interpretation of historic places or areas; • reading and discussion programs; • panel exhibitions that incorporate complementary programming formats; and • other project formats that creatively engage audiences in humanities ideas

Deadline: January 11, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$1,000,000

Grant Link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO.htm>

America's Media Makers

Grants for America's Media Makers support projects in a range of formats, including interactive digital media and radio and television programs that engage the public in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs in order to deepen our understanding of our lives and our world. Projects should encourage dialogue, discussion, and civic engagement, and they should foster learning among people of all ages. To that end, the Division of Public Programs urges applicants to consider more than one format for presenting humanities ideas to the public. Development grants enable media producers to collaborate with scholars to develop humanities content and format and to prepare programs for production. These grants cover a wide range of activities that include, but are not limited to, meetings and individual consultations with scholars, research, preliminary

interviews, preparation of program scripts, designs for interactivity and digital distribution, and the creation of partnerships for outreach activities and public engagement with the humanities. Development grants should culminate in the refinement of a project's humanities ideas, and in a script, or a design document for (or a prototype of) digital media components or projects. Development grants should also yield a detailed plan for outreach and public engagement, in collaboration with a partner organization (or organizations).

Deadline: January 11, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AMM.htm>

Kresge Foundation Invites Preliminary Applications for Arts and Community Building and Artists' Skills and Resources Grant Opportunities

The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture Program seeks to foster the power of arts and culture to recharge and rebuild communities of all sizes in the United States. As part of this effort, the program is accepting preliminary grant applications from nonprofit organizations for its Community Building and Artists' Skills and Resources focus areas. The Arts and Community Building focus area is intended to help develop a systematic way to support arts and culture as a tool for revitalizing communities.

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.kresge.org/programs/arts-culture/arts-and-community-building>

Southern Exposure: Performing Arts of Latin America

Southern Exposure: Performing Arts of Latin America provides support for projects in which three-to-five performing arts presenters work collaboratively to present exemplary contemporary and traditional performing artists from Latin America in their respective communities. The pilot program will support an array of tours throughout the United States that include public performances, community-based activities and extensive contextualization designed to build appreciation for the arts and cultures of the visiting artists, and develop and deepen relationships between Latin American artists and communities and artists in the United States. The initiative encourages arts presenters to reach new audiences, including communities with origins in Latin America that reflect the demographic changes that have taken place in the United States over recent decades. Southern Exposure seeks to create a network of sites that can share expertise and costs to offer meaningful exchanges between artists, audiences and their communities.

Deadline: February 10, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$25,000

Grant Link: http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/Southern_Exposure/index.html

Facility investments and building reserves

The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture program has announced the final call for preliminary grant applications for its Facility Investments and Building Reserves program. Kresge is conducting this final round of facility and building reserve grants as it continues to refine its overall investment strategy. Eligible organizations may apply for both facility investment and building reserve grants, or building reserve grants only. Facility investment grants will prioritize renovation and repair projects. (On occasion, this grant may be awarded for new construction that includes exemplary environmental sustainability practices.) Building reserve grants are designed to seed or enhance an organization's building reserve fund for

the ongoing maintenance and replacement of an organization's facilities. The program does not fund reserves solely for equipment. Eligible applicants are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in the United States whose primary mission is arts and culture.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.kresge.org/programs/arts-culture/institutional-capitalization/facility-investments-and-building-reserves>

Arts, Education and other Grants for Quality Nonprofits from the Green Foundation

The Green Foundation has ongoing funding for quality nonprofits focusing in a number of areas, including arts and creativity programs for children. The funding is ongoing, and the first steps are 1. see if your nonprofit is eligible, and 2. send in a letter of inquiry. Focus Areas: The Green Foundation's resources are focused on four specific areas - The Arts, Education, Human Services, Medical/Scientific Research, and Special Projects. Preferential attention will be given to institutions exhibiting the following positive factors: A history of achievement, good management, and a stable financial condition; Significant programs with the promise of making a measurable impact; and programs that are self-sustaining and will not necessitate continued dependence on the Foundation.

Deadline: January 1, 2013

Grant Link: <http://www.cac.ca.gov/othergrants/ogdetail.php?id=313>

Grants for Visual Artists

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation's dual criteria for grants are recognizable artistic merit and demonstrable financial need, whether professional, personal or both. The Foundation's mission is to aid, internationally, those individuals who have worked as professional artists over a significant period of time. The Foundation welcomes, throughout the year, applications from visual artists who are painters, sculptors and artists who work on paper, including printmakers. There are no deadlines. The Foundation encourages applications from artists who have genuine financial needs that are not necessarily catastrophic. Grants are intended for a one-year period of time. The Foundation will consider need on the part of an applicant for all legitimate expenditures relating to his or her professional work and personal living, including medical expenses. The size of the grant is determined by the individual circumstances of the artist

Deadline: January 1, 2013

Grant Link: <http://www.pkf.org/grant.html>

VH1 Save The Music Foundation

The VH1 Save The Music Foundation helps develop long-term, sustainable instrumental music programs that provide children with equal access to music education regardless of their financial situation. Through strategic partnerships with school districts, the Foundation provides brand-new musical instruments to public elementary and middle schools, jump-starting dormant music programs across the country. The school districts commit to funding certified music teachers' salaries, providing maintenance and supplies, and scheduling instrumental music classes during the school day. The Foundation maintains a partnership with the district until instrumental music is in place in every school. The VH1 Save The Music Foundation is dedicated

to restoring instrumental music programs to ensure that all children have access to a complete education. In the communities with which we grant, we work at the district level, from the top down. If a need for instrumental music education exists, we look to the superintendent and school board for a commitment to restore music in every school within a district. With a common goal of fully rebuilding, community partnerships are created and instrumental music education is brought back to life.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.vh1savethemusic.com/node/39>

Music Empowers Foundation

Music Empowers Foundation provides funding to nonprofits that provide music instruction to children in communities where it does not exist or is underdeveloped. The Foundation acts as a clearinghouse to identify and partner with organizations that have the best potential to make a sustainable and measurable impact. Because of this, we can support a diversity of quality initiatives, giving a greater number of children the opportunity to learn, play, create and perform music. Interested applicants can contact the Foundation through the contact form on the website or send a letter of inquiry.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://musicempowersfoundation.com/apply-for-a-grant.html>

Amazon.com: Supporting the Writing Community

Amazon.com offers grants and sponsorships for nonprofit author and publisher groups that share their obsession with fostering the creation, discussion, publication, and dissemination of books. They want to support innovative groups with a proven track record of success; an ability to work effectively with them to execute on the organization's goals, including appropriate public outreach; and an established presence and voice in the publishing community.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://amazon.com/supporting-the-writing-community>

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Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://ligf.org/Howtoapply.html>

Fender Music Foundation

The Fender Music Foundation accepts information from 501c3 and governmental grant candidates. Qualifying applicants are established, ongoing and sustainable music programs in the United States, which provide music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music. The intent of the program must be music instruction, not music appreciation or entertainment, and the participants/students cannot be professional or career musicians. Almost all of the selected programs, to which we award grants, fall into the following categories: In-school music classes, in which the students make music; After-school music programs that are not run by the school; Music

therapy programs, where participants make the music.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

CAPACITY BUILDING

Advertising Grant for Nonprofits

The Google Grants program helps charitable organizations leverage the power of AdWords to engage and inform your constituents on Google. The program is designed to help organizations extend their public service messages to a global audience, in an effort to make a greater impact on the world, and supports organizations sharing the company philosophy of community service, and with a strong mission to help the world in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Google Grants recipients will be able to participate in Google's advertising program, receiving up to \$10,000 per month in free advertising, without having to pay any amount to Google. In addition, recipients make earnings depending on the amount of traffic their ad produces. Typical grantees in our program receive just over \$300 worth of advertising on Google.com per month. Eligible organizations must have current 501(c)3 status, as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service, to be considered for a Google Grant. Google Grants recipients are selected on an ongoing basis and are notified within four months or less whether or not they will receive a Google Grant award.

Deadline: January 1, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$10,000

Grant Link: <http://www.google.com/grants/details.html>

GIH State Grant Writing Assistance Fund, Phase II

Grantmakers In Health (GIH), with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is making available grant writing support to help states implement the Affordable Care Act. The GIH State Grant Writing Assistance Fund will provide up to \$30,000 to foundations that are interested in offering grant writing support to state and county government agencies. This RFP includes a revised matching rate of 2:1 (the fund will match two dollars for every dollar requested). Previous awardees are eligible to reapply. Please review the complete proposal request before submitting an application.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.gih.org/newsletter2679/newsletter_show.htm?doc_id=1618970

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program

To support: (1) the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining; (2) Planning Projects to assess the food security needs and plan long-term solutions to help ensure food security in communities; and (3) a project that provides Training and Capacity Building on a nationwide basis to entities interested in developing new Community Food Projects or assisting current grantees and others to effectively operate their food security projects.

Deadline: November 17, 2011

Grant Link: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/community_food.html

Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program stimulates technological innovation in the private sector by strengthening the role of small business concerns in meeting Federal research and development needs, increasing the commercial application of federally supported research results, and fostering and encouraging participation by socially and economically disadvantaged and women-owned small businesses. The SBIR program solicits proposals from the small business sector consistent with NSF's mission. A main purpose of the legislation is to stimulate technological innovation and increase private sector commercialization. The NSF SBIR program is therefore in a unique position to meet both the goals of NSF and the purpose of the SBIR legislation by transforming scientific discovery into both social and economic benefit, and by emphasizing private sector commercialization. Accordingly, NSF has formulated broad solicitation topics for SBIR that conform to the high-technology investment sector's interests. The four broad topics are:

- Biological and Chemical Technologies (BC)
- Education Applications (EA)
- Electronics, Information and Communication Technologies (EI)
- Nanotechnology, Advanced Materials, and Manufacturing (NM)

Proposals submitted outside the window of November 2, 2011 – December 2, 2011 will be returned without review.

Deadline: December 2, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$150,000

Grant Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11577/nsf11577.pdf>

National Trails Fund

The American Hiking Society's National Trails Fund is the only privately funded national grants program dedicated solely to building and protecting hiking trails. To date, the fund has awarded over \$500,000 to one hundred and sixty-five grassroots organizations in the United States working to establish, protect, and maintain foot trails. National Trails Fund grants are designed to give local organizations the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools, and materials to repair and protect America's hiking trails. For the 2012 program, grants will be awarded for projects that have hikers as the primary constituency (although multi-purpose human-powered trail uses are eligible); projects that secure trail lands, including acquisition of trails and trail corridors and the costs associated with acquiring conservation easements; projects that will result in visible and substantial ease of access, improved hiker safety, and/or avoidance of environmental damage; and projects that promote constituency-building surrounding specific trail projects, including volunteer recruitment and support.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$5,000

Grant Link: <http://www.americanhiking.org/our-work/national-trails-fund/>

Vodafone Americas Foundation Invites Entries for Annual Wireless Innovation Project Competition

The Vodafone Americas Foundation and mHealth Alliance have announced a call for submissions for the annual Vodafone Americas Foundation Wireless Innovation Project and the mHealth Alliance Award, which recognizes wireless-related technologies with the potential to solve critical global

problems. The applicant should propose an innovation in wireless-related technology that addresses a critical global issue in education, health, access to communication, the environment, and/or economic development. The project should demonstrate a significant advancement in wireless-related technology, potential for replication and large-scale impact, and be at a stage of research where an advanced prototype or field/market test can occur during the award period. Early-stage research or ready-to-launch products will not be considered. Proposals should include a business plan or demonstration of financial sustainability.

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Grant Link: <http://project.vodafone-us.com/>

ARAMARK Building Community Innovation Awards for Workforce Readiness Programs

ARAMARK Building Community is ARAMARK's signature philanthropic and volunteer program designed to enrich the lives of disadvantaged families by strengthening the capacity of community centers to engage residents and community leaders to create neighborhood change and lasting opportunity for residents. The ARAMARK Building Community Innovation Awards will present a total of \$100,000 in 2012 to community centers showing innovation in workforce readiness programs, and will provide selected organizations with a platform to share best practices as well as replicate and scale programs that are successful at putting people back in the workforce.

Deadline: January 10, 2012

Grant Link: <http://abcawards.alliance1.org/awards.php#awards>

Community Development Financial Institutions Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance

Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund provides: (i) Financial Assistance (FA) awards to CDFIs that have Comprehensive Business Plans for creating demonstrable community development impact through the deployment of credit, capital, and financial services within their respective Target Markets or the expansion into new Investment Areas, Low-Income Targeted Populations, or Other Targeted Populations, and (ii) Technical Assistance (TA) grants to CDFIs and entities proposing to become CDFIs in order to build their capacity to better address the community development and capital access needs of their particular Target Markets, to expand into new Investment Areas, Low-Income Targeted Populations, or Other Targeted Populations, and/or to become certified CDFIs.

Deadline: January 11, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$2,000,000

Grant Link: http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7

AmeriCorps State and National Grants

AmeriCorps awards grants to organizations to implement programs that utilize AmeriCorps members to engage in evidence-based interventions to strengthen communities. In the 2012 competition CNCS expects to invest a significant amount of available funding to programs working in the six Focus Areas of Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, and Veterans and Military Families. In particular, CNCS seeks to target its AmeriCorps grantmaking in the Education, Disaster Services and Veterans and Military Families Focus Areas. An AmeriCorps member is an indi-

vidual (recruited by an AmeriCorps grant program) who is enrolled in an approved national service position and engages in community service. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service members receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust.

Deadline: January 18, 2012

Grant Link: http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/2012_state_national_competitive_notice.pdf

Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program 2011

On behalf of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the Department of Conservation manages competitive grants to cities, counties, and designated regional agencies to promote sustainable community planning and natural resource conservation. The grant program supports development, adoption, and implementation of various planning elements. The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program offers a unique opportunity to improve and sustain the wise use of infrastructure and natural resources through a coordinated and collaborative approach. The Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Land Resource Protection (DLRP), Planning Grant and Incentive Program has released the round two Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). DOC has allocated approximately \$18 million of Proposition 84 funds for round two. The funds awarded will support development, adoption, and implementation of Sustainable Community planning elements throughout the State, including, but not limited to, Climate Action Plans and General Plan amendments. The grants awarded from this solicitation will cover up to a three-year project period. DOC is utilizing the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) system to facilitate the application and review process, and to conserve paper.

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$1,000,000

Grant Link: http://sgc.ca.gov/planning_grants.html

Albertson's Charitable Giving

At the heart of Albertson's charitable giving is the idea that being a good corporate citizen is an ongoing responsibility. By helping to create stronger communities, we enhance the quality of life for customers and associates. As a neighbor to our customers in hundreds of communities throughout the Western United States, we know that being a good neighbor means also providing for our customers beyond our store's walls. We are focused on : Hunger Relief: Comprehensive hunger relief, as well as nonprofit food distribution centers. Health: Health and wellness awareness, education and programming, as well as disease management and prevention through diet. Nutrition: Healthy lifestyles and nutrition promotion and education, as well as access to healthy foods. Criteria:

- A clear description of the program
- Quality delivery of a needed service
- Results which are predictable and can be evaluated
- Fiscal and management capability
- Broad-based community support
- Competent, qualified staff and board
- Beneficial to a substantial segment of the community, with particular focus on at-risk or disadvantaged populations

Deadline: Open

Grant Link:

<https://shop.albertsons.com/eCommerceWeb/CommunityAction.do?action=beginCommunity>

Arcus Foundation

The Arcus Foundation is a private grant making foundation that supports organizations around the world working to advance social justice inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity and race. The Arcus LGBT Program supports efforts with a national scope and/or impact and that will change hearts and minds on issues relating to the LGBT community. The Arcus Foundation seeks to help overcome cultural and policy obstacles that are barriers to the full acceptance, respect and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. If your organization's work aligns with their values, priorities and EEO requirement, please consider applying for a grant. Grants are awarded four times a year – but you can submit a Letter of Inquiry at any time.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.arcusfoundation.org/socialjustice/grants/>

BNY Mellon Charitable Giving Program

BNY Mellon's philanthropic focus is designed to help others in need by concentrating on basic needs and workforce development. BNY Mellon works with its community partners to provide food, clothing, energy and housing assistance to those who require immediate help. The company's workforce development investments are designed to improve access to employment through job training, education, mentoring and skills development, adding a rung to the ladder of opportunity. BNY Mellon provides funding to programs across the country and accepts inquiries throughout the year.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.bnymellon.com/about/communityinvolvement/charitablegiving-howto.html>

FedEx Grant Program

The mission of the FedEx Social Responsibility department is to actively support the communities we serve and to strengthen our global reputation through strategic investment of our people, resources and network. FedEx is especially interested in supporting nonprofit organizations that request: 5% or less of a total project budget; contingency grants; or seed monies with the thought that other sources will contribute matching amounts. Organizations must show evidence of competent management, low administrative/fundraising expense ratios, and a nondiscriminatory program benefiting broad segments of the community. We heavily weigh the potential involvement of our employees in groups that seek our financial support. We have three core focus areas that our investments can impact in important and meaningful ways: Emergency and Disaster Relief, Child Pedestrian Safety, and Environmental Sustainability. FedEx has Corporate Neighbor Teams which serve as community service ambassadors. These teams work with many nonprofit organizations and act as a clearinghouse for requests for manpower assistance. They serve the following areas: Arts, Children/Youth, United Way, Adopt-A-School, Junior Achievement, Hearing-Impaired and Civic Affairs. Nonprofits needing volunteers should submit a written request.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://about.fedex.designcdt.com/charitable_contribution_guidelines

Jeld-Wen Foundation

The Foundation focuses on identifying worthy capital projects and services that directly benefit the local communities. Support is provided to organizations that offer vital local services that help improve and enrich communities. Recipient of these awards vary greatly but are linked by the fact that they focus on capital improvements and provide great benefits to those they serve. Examples of projects that the Foundation supports is helping to buy books for reading programs, expanding educational facilities, renovating science classrooms and labs, and constructing a new fire house. The Foundation's giving categories include Community, Educational, Health and Medical and Arts and Humanities and most of its giving is related to the building, renovation, expansion, and improvements of facilities. The purpose and objectives of this program are very specific in nature.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.jeld-wenfoundation.org/>

Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs Opportunity

Pursuant to PWEDA, EDA announces general policies and application procedures for grant-based investments under the Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs. These programs will help communities develop the planning and technical expertise to support communities and regions in their comprehensive, entrepreneurial, and innovation-based economic development efforts. Resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress, these programs are designed to enhance the competitiveness of regions.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.eda.gov/PDF/EDAP-FFO-Planning_Tech%20Assistance-FINAL.pdf

Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo continues to serve the community through its broad range community support programs, including Wells Fargo contributions. Wells Fargo has built an internal culture of giving back to our communities through the promotion of volunteerism among our team members. While we make grants in three primary areas: Community Development (Affordable housing, Training people to find and retain jobs, Community revitalization and stabilization), Education (educational programs promoting academic achievement by low- to moderate-income students in pre-Kindergarten through the twelfth grade in the key areas of, Math and science, Literacy, History of the American West), and Human Services. Send completed proposals via US mail to: Robin Hought, AVP - Community Support Representative Wells Fargo Foundation, 74199 El Paseo, 1st Floor, Suite 104, MAC E2545-012, Palm Desert, CA 92260-4149. Phone (760) 836-0406.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/ca_guidelines

Union Bank Foundation Grants

The Union Bank Foundation, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, serves as an agent for charitable contributions made

by Union Bank. Established in 1953, the Foundation has, throughout its history, supported the bank's commitment to help meet the needs of the communities it serves. We strive to build a charitable contributions program that positions the Union Bank Foundation as an innovator of partnerships and a grant-maker intent on helping to create and sustain healthy communities. We proactively invest in the communities in which the Bank and its businesses operate, targeting resources to benefit low- to moderate-income populations. We believe that the Union Bank Foundation can achieve the greatest impact on the health of communities by targeting the following strategic funding categories: 1) Affordable housing; 2) Community economic development; 3) Education; 4) Environment.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <https://www.unionbank.com/global/about/corporate-social-responsibility/foundation/foundation-grants.jsp>

EDUCATION

The Humane Society: Humane Education Mini-Grant

The purpose of the Mini-Grant is to provide funds for classroom teachers who lead innovative, standards-based programs and curricula in humane education, specifically the teaching of kindness and respect for animals and their natural habitats. Applicants must be K-12 certified teachers working at a public, private, or parochial school in the subject area of the project. Funded projects should engage students in hands-on activities that lead to the acquisition of new knowledge, awareness, or self-discovery as they relate to humane education. Examples of items funded by the Mini-Grant include the purchase of supplies or materials necessary for students to create a product, conduct an experiment, or learn a new skill through service-learning and community outreach.

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$1,000

Grant Link: http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/award/humane_education_mini_grant.html

Sustainability Research Networks Competition (SRN)

Sustainability Research Networks will engage and explore fundamental theoretical issues and empirical questions in sustainability science, engineering, and education that will increase our understanding of the ultimate sustainability challenge - maintaining and improving the quality of life for the nation within a healthy Earth system. The goal of the Sustainability Research Networks (SRN) competition is to support the development and coalescence of entities to advance collaborative research that addresses questions and challenges in sustainability science, engineering, and education. SRNs will link scientists, engineers, and educators, at existing institutions, centers, networks, and also develop new research efforts and collaborations. Each SRN network will be built upon an ambitious and nationally important sustainability theme. Proposers will be tasked with choosing a specific theme for their network, identifying the research already being done in this area, proposing methods for linking existing research efforts, and then proposing research needed to advance their specific research theme. Examples of possible SRN themes are provided in the "Program Description" section of this solicitation (Section II.B.). SRNs will foster new knowledge and tools at

a frontier of research that significantly crosses and melds the boundaries of diverse disciplines, and creates the integrated science and engineering disciplines of the future. SRNs will pursue new opportunities in science, engineering and educational research that truly require the scale, scope, and facilities enabled by such a network. **Deadline:**

December 1, 2011 (Required Preliminary Proposal)

Maximum Grant: \$12,000,000

Grant Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11574/nsf11574.pdf>

National Endowment for Financial Education – Financial Literacy Research Grant

NEFE seeks projects whose outcomes can improve the public's ability to achieve personal and household financial well-being. Of particular interest are pro-active research projects initiated from one of a broad spectrum of scholarly disciplines whose findings may cultivate critical thinking in the financial literacy community. Also of interest are development projects that put research recommendations into action. Project outcomes must be capable of achieving traction and measurable impact with audiences such as financial education intermediaries, researchers, practitioners, decision makers, and others who can achieve effective outreach to a target population with an unmet financial literacy need or to the general public. All applicants must submit a concept inquiry form as the first step in being considered for funding.

Deadline: December 6, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$150,000

Grant Link: <http://www.nefe.org/Grantmaking/GrantGuidelines/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

AVANCE Announces Call for Proposals to Implement Parent-Child Education Program

AVANCE, Inc., a national nonprofit organization that provides parent and early childhood education programs along with other family support services, is accepting proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations serving low-income Hispanic families to expand the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program. PCEP promotes community economic development, positive parenting skills and behaviors, school readiness, parental school involvement, adult education, and civic engagement to achieve a simultaneous impact on both parent and child. The program has been shown to improve the school readiness of children from birth to three years of age and has had a life-changing impact on Latino families through partnerships with community-based organizations.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.avance.org/>

Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant Program

The Whole Kids Foundation, a nonprofit organization created by Whole Foods Market to support schools and inspire families to improve children's nutrition and wellness, is accepting grant applications for its first major initiative, the School Garden Grant Program. Designed to help schools grow students' relationships with food through gardening, the new program stems from the Whole Kids Foundation's mission of supporting schools' efforts to improve children's nutrition.

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$2,000

Grant Link: <http://wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>

Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

The Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (TUES) program seeks to improve the quality of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education for all undergraduate students. This solicitation especially encourages projects that have the potential to transform undergraduate STEM education, for example, by bringing about widespread adoption of classroom practices that embody understanding of how students learn most effectively. Thus transferability and dissemination are critical aspects for projects developing instructional materials and methods and should be considered throughout the project's lifetime. More advanced projects should involve efforts to facilitate adaptation at other sites.

Deadline: January 13, 2012

Grant Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pins_id=5741

Broadening Participation Research Initiation Grants in Engineering (BRIGE)

To address the need to enhance diversity in its programs, the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) at the National Science Foundation is offering research initiation grants under the Broadening Participation Research Initiation Grants in Engineering program, BRIGE. ENG offers this BRIGE funding opportunity to all beginning engineers with the intent of increasing the diversity of researchers in the engineering disciplines. The goal of the BRIGE solicitation is to increase the number of proposals to the Directorate for Engineering from individuals who can serve as role models and mentors for an increasingly diverse engineering student population who will become the workforce of the future. BRIGE aims to support innovative research and diversity plans that contribute to recruiting and retaining a broad representation of engineering researchers especially those from groups that are underrepresented in the engineering population.

Deadline: January 20, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$175,000

Grant Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11576/nsf11576.pdf>

Big Read Program

The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2012 and June 2013. Organizations selected to participate in the Big Read receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, and educational and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement and participation. Approximately seventy-five organizations from throughout the United States will be selected. Applicant organizations must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; a division of state, local, or tribal government; or a tax-exempt public library. Eligible applicants include such organizations as literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations. Community organizations participating in the Big Read are expected to develop and produce a well-planned, well-attended, community-wide read with innovative, diverse programming, and widespread community involvement and participation. Activities should last approximately one

month and focus on one book or poet from the Big Read Library.

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$25,000

Grant Link: http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

Learning Disabilities Foundation of America Grant

The Learning Disabilities Foundation of America supports the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA), whose goal is to advance the education and general welfare of children and adults with learning disabilities. Applications must be for projects which conform to the mission of the foundation by responding to an unmet need in the field of learning disabilities. Funds are granted for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes or for the identification, ongoing evaluation and education of and services for children and adults with learning disabilities. With the exception of LDA committed funds, grants will not be made for routine organizational operations or for endowment funds. Funds will be awarded only to non-profit organizations and educational institutions which are exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Grant Link: http://www.lidaamerica.org/about/acld_grant.asp

Supporting Universities to Partner Across the Pacific

The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to support partnership between institutions of higher education in Indonesia and the United States. Component I of the APS is directed toward partnerships which support fields of applied science underlying USAID Indonesia's strategic objectives in health, economic growth and the environment; Component II is to support university partnerships, supporting science, technology and math education at the secondary level, by creating model secondary science and technology schools. Concept Papers are required before the final application is submitted. The first round of Concept Papers are due by September 15, 2011 and the second round of Concept Papers are due by March 16, 2011.

Deadline: March 16, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$1,000,000

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?sessionId=vFFvT4hbJmT4qM6r1WIP202p2YFHN7PGQ2v20091W2pyf7Lhnyfy!198841013?oppld=110533&mode=VIEW>

Project School Emergency Response to Violence (SERV)

This program funds short-term and long-term education-related services for local educational agencies (LEAs) and institutions of higher education (IHEs) to help them recover from a violent or traumatic event in which the learning environment has been disrupted. Many types of events have the potential to seriously disrupt the learning environment. Further, events that appear similar do not always affect the learning environment in the same way. These facts make it difficult to determine in advance all the types of events which would be eligible for services. Any traumatic or violent event, that disrupted teaching and learning, is eligible for services under Project SERV if the LEA or IHE is able to: (1) demonstrate the traumatic effect on the learning environment including how the event has disrupted teaching and learning; and (2) demonstrate that the needed services cannot be adequately provided with existing resources in a comprehensive and timely manner, and that the provision of services and

assistance will result in an undue financial hardship on the LEA or IHE. LEAs and IHEs may apply for two types of assistance under Project SERV: Immediate Services grants (maximum grant of \$50,000) and Extended Services grants (maximum grant of \$250,000).

Deadline: Applications accepted on a continuous basis

Grant Link: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/dvppserv/index.html>

FINRA Investor Education Foundation

The mission of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation is to provide underserved Americans with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. The FINRA Investor Education Foundation, formerly known as the NASD Investor Education Foundation, supports innovative research and educational projects that give investors the tools and information they need to better understand the markets and the basic principles of saving and investing. Currently the Foundation is especially interested in applications that focus on the following areas: creating new marketing and distribution channels for financial and investor education, helping Americans manage their finances and investments in retirement, meeting the financial and investor education needs of underserved audiences, using behavioral finance to improve saving and investing, and investor protection.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.finrafoundation.org/grants/general/guidelines/>

EMPLOYMENT

H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$240 million in funds for an H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants program. This grant program is designed to provide education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers, and the related activities necessary to support such training. H-1B technical skills training grants are financed by a user fee paid by employers to bring foreign workers into the United States under the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program. Grant awards will be made only to the extent that funds are available. The Department will make awards to two types of training grants: those that provide On-the-Job Training (OJT) to all participants and those that use other training strategies. Of the awards granted through this Solicitation, at least \$150 million will be awarded to grantees that provide OJT to all participants. Between the two types of grants awarded, DOL intends to fund at least \$45 million to applicants proposing to provide training for occupations in the health care industry and at least \$60 million to applicants that serve long-term unemployed individuals. While this Solicitation is open, DOL anticipates that additional funding will accrue for this grant program. The Department expects to award approximately 75-100 grants ranging from \$1 million to \$5 million with up to a 48-month period of performance. The Department will award grants to a partnership of private and public sector entities as defined in ACWIA. This partnership must include at least two entities from among the following groups: (1) businesses or business-related nonprofit organizations, such as trade associations; (2) education and training providers, including

community colleges and other community-based organizations; and (3) entities involved in administering the workforce investment system established under Title I of the WIA, and economic development agencies.

Deadline: November 17, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$5,000,000

Grant Link: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

Job Opportunity for Low Income Individuals Projects

The Office of Community Services' (OCS) will award up to \$1.16 million through the Job Opportunity for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) program to support business development and expansion opportunities, including micro-enterprise and self-employment opportunities, in an effort to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency. JOLI grantees create jobs through provision of technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community in order to create sustainable employment and business opportunities. Financial assistance to low-income individuals may be provided through the use of revolving loan funds or the provision of direct cash assistance to a micro-enterprise or self-employed business owner. Funded projects should focus on one of the following three program strategies: (1) new business ventures, (2) business expansion, and (3) self-employment/micro-enterprise projects.

Deadline: March 30, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCS-EO-0163>

BNY Mellon Charitable Giving Program

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Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.bnymellon.com/about/communityinvolvement/charitablegiving-howto.html>

ENVIRONMENT

SunShot Concentrating Solar Power Research and Development

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) seeks to fund revolutionary applied scientific research that develops highly disruptive Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) technologies that will meet 6 cents per kWh cost target by the end of the decade. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for SunShot Concentrating Solar Power Research and Development intends to support research into technologies that have the potential for much higher efficiency, lower cost, and/or more reliable performance than existing commercial and near-commercial CSP systems and their expected incremental progress in future years. As part of the SunShot Initiative, this applied research program is intended to demonstrate and prove new concepts in the collector, receiver, and power cycle subsystems, including associated hardware and manufacturing processes. These developments should lead to subsequent system integration, engineering scale-up, and eventual

commercial production for electricity generation applications. The SunShot CSP program is designed to look beyond incremental near-term innovation and explore transformative concepts with the potential to break through performance barriers as known today, such as efficiency and temperature limitations. Full Applications Due: 2/7/2012 Only Applicants who submit Preliminary Applications by the due date and whose Preliminary Applications are selected will be eligible to submit a Full Application.

Deadline: November 22, 2011 (Preliminary Application)

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/default.aspx>

Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb Invites Applications for Community Garden Grants and Makeovers

Fiskars, a global supplier of consumer products for the home, garden, and outdoors, has announced that the application process for 2012 Project Orange Thumb garden grants and makeovers in the United States and Canada is open. Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb provides tools, materials, and other support to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources. Fiskars will choose eleven recipients from the pool of grant applicants. Ten will receive \$5,000 in cash and tools, and one applicant will receive a complete garden makeover. During a Project Orange Thumb garden makeover, Fiskars works with neighbors, business leaders, volunteers, and community partners to transform a barren lot into a beautiful, productive community gathering space — all in a single day.

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link: <http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb>

Governors' Institute for Community Design

As part of the interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities, EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities is seeking proposals to fund one applicant to operate the Governors' Institute for Community Design. The institute will select and work with interested state leadership (governors, their cabinets, and their staffs) to deliver technical assistance that supports state efforts to implement smart growth and sustainable communities development approaches that protect the environment, improve public health, facilitate job creation and economic opportunity, and improve overall quality of life. Providing financial assistance to establish and operate the Governors' Institute is a joint effort of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Transportation, and EPA. EPA expects to make one award and have approximately \$325,000 for the first year of activity.

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$2,00,000

Grant Link: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/12_community_food.pdf

Solar Decathlon and Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Showcase Event

Through this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), DOE intends to partner with one recipient who will host the 2013 Solar Decathlon to promote the Mission and Goals of the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Through this event, the recipient will promote the outreach, education and economic benefits of energy security,

renewable energy and energy efficiency by demonstrating EERE Technology that can effectively be deployed in the community. By showcasing these technologies, this event should help launch additional workforce development and renewable energy activities in the local area that hosts the Decathlon. In addition to the benefits of increased public awareness, this event should stimulate the local economy by bringing in tourism dollars from those attending the event. This Funding Opportunity seeks to select a recipient that will form a partnership that includes a city, state or local government that will work together to host the 2013 Solar Decathlon.

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/default.aspx#a7f380e9-9adf-41ac-bfc3-eb4d4e96050c>

Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed a preapplication with RUS in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. Grant funds may not be used to recruit applications, duplicate current services such as those performed by a consultant in developing a project, fund political activities, pay for capital assets, purchase real estate or vehicles, improve and renovate office space or repair and maintain privately owned property, pay construction or O&M costs, and pay costs incurred prior to the effective date of grants made.

Deadline: December 30, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/tatq.htm>

Solid Waste Management Grant Program

Funds may be used to: Evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the maintenance and operation of active landfills in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to help associations reduce the solid waste stream; and provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills in rural areas which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development/implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements. Grant funds may not be used to: Recruit pre-applications/applications for any loan and/or grant program including RUS Water and Waste Disposal Loan and/or Grant Program; duplication of current services, replacement or substitution of support previously provided such as those performed by an association's consultant in developing a project; fund political activities; pay for capital assets, the purchase of real estate or vehicles, improve and renovate office space, or repair and maintain privately-owned property; pay for construction or operation and maintenance costs of water and waste facilities; and pay costs incurred prior to the effective date of grants made under this subpart.

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-solidwastemanagement.htm>

Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate- incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4. The ONAP in HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing administers the program. 1. Single Purpose Grants. Projects funded by the ICDBG program must meet the primary objective, defined at 24 CFR 1003.2, to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Consistent with this objective, not less than 70 percent of the expenditures of each Single Purpose grant shall be for activities that meet the regulatory criteria at 24 CFR 1003.208 for: a. Area Benefit Activities; b. Limited Clientele Activities; c. Housing Activities; or d. Job Creation or Retention Activities. ICDBG funds may be used to improve housing stock, provide community facilities, improve infrastructure, and expand job opportunities by supporting the economic development of the communities. 2. Imminent Threat Grants. ICDBG Imminent Threat (IT) grants are intended to alleviate or remove threats to health or safety that require an immediate solution as described at 24 CFR Part 1003, subpart E. The grants provide a solution to problems of an urgent nature that were not evident at the time of the ICDBG Single Purpose funding grant cycle or require immediate action.

Deadline: January 4, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7XCYTTLGcQH9LjxYt3chW22FTL8TmYhts6pG8J5JQZDfgPf5Ry0V!1964943135?oppld=126313&mode=VIEW>

Improvements in Facilities, Communications, and Equipment at Biological Field Stations and Marine Laboratories

Biological Field Stations and Marine Laboratories (FSMLs) are off-campus facilities for research and education conducted in the natural habitats of terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems. FSMLs support environmental and basic biological research and education by preserving access to study areas and organisms, by providing facilities and equipment in close proximity to those study areas, and by fostering an atmosphere of mutual scientific interest and collaboration in research and education. To fulfill these roles, FSMLs must offer modern research and educational facilities, equipment, communications and data management systems for a broad array of users. In recognition of the importance of FSMLs in modern biology, NSF invites proposals that address these general goals of FSML improvement.

Deadline: January 17, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$350,000

Grant Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf12505

National Forest Foundation Announces 2012 Matching Awards Program Guidelines

The National Forest Foundation, the nonprofit partner of the U.S. Forest Service, works to engage America in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of the National Forest System. The foundation also administers private gifts of funds and land for the benefit of national forests. NFF is currently soliciting proposals for its Matching Awards Program, which

provides matching funds for direct on-the-ground and citizen-based monitoring projects benefiting America's national forests and grasslands.

Deadline: January 17, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$5,000

Grant Link: <http://nationalforests.org/conserve/grantprograms/ontheground/map>

National Urban and Community Forestry Cost Share Grants

National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program Urban Forest Innovation Grants Funding Opportunity Request for Pre-Proposals The U.S. Forest Service anticipates that the statutory authority for the Fiscal Year 2012 Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program will provide, under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (Section 9), approximately \$900,000 in grant funds to be awarded through the 2012 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. Funds are to support urban and community forestry projects on nonfederal public land that have a national or widespread impact and application. All awards are based on the availability of funding, which may be subject to change.

Deadline: January 18, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2F12ThhFrHcvp9BDNvPpf98QDdP9NKt5DgQ9Mh2nvbnVCzvnvJLp11302121408?oppld=127913&mode=VIEW>

Waste Management Charitable Giving

Waste Management supports causes that promote civic pride, economic development and revitalization, and innovative problem-solving initiatives. Waste Management is most likely to support projects/organizations in the following areas: (1) Environment: Waste Management is committed to helping provide renewal resources to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and to conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment. Waste Management supports organizations and programs that preserve and/or enhance natural resources. (2) Environmental Education: Waste Management prefers to support environmental education programs targeted at middle and high school students. This includes environmental and science related projects, science fairs, Earth Day projects and others. (3) Community: Waste Management is committed to enhancing communities through programs that help make them cleaner and better places to live.

Deadline: December 31, 2014

Grant Link: <https://www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving.jsp>

Ben & Jerry's Foundation: National Grassroots Grant Program

Through the National Grassroots Grant Program, Ben & Jerry's Foundation provides support to nonprofit community organizations throughout the United States that bring about progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems. Our broad goals are to further social justice, protect the environment and support sustainable food systems. In making funding decisions, we focus on activities and strategies an organization uses for creating social and environmental change.

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant Amount: \$15,000

Grant Link: <http://www.benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-national-grassroots-grant-program.html>

Charette Grants

An initiative of Enterprise Community Partners, Enterprise Green Communities provides funds and expertise to enable affordable housing developers to build and rehabilitate homes that are healthier, more energy efficient, and better for the environment. In addition to loans and other funding options, Green Communities offers Charrette and Sustainability grants to help cover the costs of planning and implementing green components of affordable housing developments, as well as tracking their costs and benefits. Charrette grants funding for affordable housing developers to engage in integrative design. A Green Communities charrette involves an intense working session that brings together a diverse group of housing development professionals as well as residents, technical experts, funders, policy makers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments. By supporting charrettes at the schematic design phase, Enterprise seeks to help developers establish green goals as early as possible so that the most cost-effective green strategies can be incorporated in the building and site plans. Projects applying for pre-development charrette funds must be in the early stages of planning or schematic design phase of development.

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant: \$5,000

Grant Link: <http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/>

The Colcom Foundation

Colcom Foundation's principal funding interests reflect a primary concern for quality of life, which it strives to address with honesty, compassion and responsibility. Through the practice of strategic grant-making, the Foundation focuses its philanthropic program on environmental sustainability, natural resource preservation, land and water conservation, and efforts to establish a sustainable population. Geographic areas of giving include national, regional, and local.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.colcomfdn.org/interests.html>

Dr. Robert C. and Tina Sohn Foundation

The Dr. Robert C. and Tina Sohn Foundation has been formed to continue the vision and legacy of its founders. The Sohns lived their lives connected to both the spiritual and temporal worlds, committed to healing the spirit and at the same time preserving the planet and our physical beings. Their vision of a "wholistic" life, lived synergistically with nature and the environment, in which all people can breathe clean air, eat wholesome organic food, and be exposed to the wonders of music, dance and literature, continues in the Foundation. The Foundation will support a broad spectrum of causes which support the environment, alternative health care and the arts. The Foundation is particularly interested in funding educational projects which bring an awareness of the environment, alternative health care and the arts to those who are underserved, particularly to young people.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.sohnfoundation.org/Grant_guidelines1.htm

Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

The Wildlife Conservation Board's agricultural program is formally known as the Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL) program. The intent of the funding is to assist landowners in developing wildlife friendly practices on their properties that can be sustained and co-exist with agricultural operations. In California, a large number of wildlife species are dependent on privately owned agricultural lands for habitat. Agricultural lands can provide significant habitat and connectivity with protected wildlife areas. In many cases agricultural landowners are willing to integrate wildlife habitat benefits into the management and operations of their properties, but lack the capital and/or expertise to implement these practices.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.wcb.ca.gov/ERAL/>

Kresge Foundation: Healthy Environments Program

The Kresge Foundation is a national grant maker that seeks to influence the quality of life for future generations. The Foundation's Healthy Environments grant program aims to improve the health and well being of vulnerable children from low-income families by making the places they live, learn, and play supportive of overall good health. Funding priorities include clean air; safe and healthy housing and schools; and safe, accessible, and inviting outdoor play spaces. Grants are provided for highly promising, evidence-based regional and statewide efforts that have the potential to achieve broad change through replication or increased scale. Grants range from \$100,000 to \$750,000 for project periods of up to three years. One-year strategic planning grants are also offered.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.kresge.org/index.php/what/healthy_environments/

Sustainability Training Grants

Green Communities offers Sustainability Training Grants for affordable housing developers to maximize the health, economic and environmental benefits of green development throughout the project's life cycle. This grant program provides an opportunity to transfer the design knowledge that informed the Green Communities planning and construction process to the residents, as well as operations and management staff. Funding is available to cover the cost of implementing a training program and related tools that support green resident engagement and operations.

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant: \$5,000

Grant Link: <http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/sustainability/index.asp>

Watershed Restoration Projects in the West

The Wick Kenney Fund, a component of Kenney Brothers Foundation, provides support to nonprofit organizations that work to protect and restore watersheds in the Western United States. Discretionary grants focus on projects that: provide a real opportunity to change western water policy on a local, state, or national level; defend environmental laws critical for the protection of all western rivers; focus on a specific strategy for protection of biologically important western watershed; or research and analyze western water issues.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.wickfund.org/index.html>

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Pediatric Scientist Development Program

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health, invites applications for pediatric scientist research career development (K12) programs. The program will be responsible for identifying pediatricians who have completed their clinical training and have promising research potential, and for matching them with established mentors with a strong record of research productivity. The program will develop guidelines for mentoring and career development in order to promote the successful transition of the candidates into independent research careers in academic settings.

Deadline: November 22, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$2,000,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-12-209.html>

DOD Peer Reviewed Cancer Visionary Postdoctoral Fellowship Award

Applications for the Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) are being solicited by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Defense Health Program. The PRCRP was established in 2009 to provide support for cancer research not addressed by the breast cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, and ovarian cancer research programs executed and managed by the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). Appropriations for the PRCRP from FY09 through FY10 totaled \$31 million (M). The FY11 appropriation is \$16M. The goal of the PRCRP is to improve quality of life by decreasing the impact of cancer on service members, their families, and the American public. The FY11 PRCRP fosters the next generation of cancer research by providing new investigators and their early career mentors opportunities to excel in groundbreaking cutting-edge research for the prevention, detection, and cancer treatment.

Deadline: November 22, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=RJGWTM4dhS8J527Y8bKyk2tgcmc9ZNVmnfvgnLhcT4QpMrR2V1PfI2057934305?oppld=102193&mode=VIEW>

Contraceptive Development Research Centers Program

The purpose of this FOA is to announce the re-competition of the Contraceptive Development Research Centers Program. The aim of the program is to conduct a wide range of research, both basic and applied, with the ultimate goal of developing clinically useful contraceptive products. These centers provide a multidisciplinary approach to high quality translational research programs in the area of contraceptive product discovery and development. The Centers will also serve as a national resource for career development of young scientists electing to pursue research in contraceptive development.

Deadline: November 29, 2011

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-12-185.html>

Emergency Capital Repair Grant Program

HUD provides grant funds to make emergency capital repairs to eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants. The capital repair needs must relate to items that present an immediate threat to the health, safety, and quality of life of the tenants. The intent of these grants is to provide one-time assistance for emergency items that cannot be absorbed within the project's operating budget and other project resources, and where the tenants' continued occupancy in the immediate near future is jeopardized by a delay in initiating the proposed cure. Eligibility for emergency capital repair grants under this notice is restricted to: Private nonprofit owners of eligible multifamily-assisted housing developments designated for occupancy by elderly tenants.

Deadline: November 29, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=58908>

Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Solid Organ Donation

This grant program is to increase solid organ donation and to improve understanding of how to increase solid organ donation. The goal of the grant program is to assist eligible entities in the evaluation of, or the implementation and evaluation of, highly promising strategies and approaches that can serve as model interventions for increasing solid organ donation. Projects may focus on community education and outreach initiatives or hospital based efforts focused on family consent for donation when a death has occurred. Projects may also increase knowledge of opportunities to donate specific organs or organ sections while living and the process, risks, and benefits of living donation.

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=F8504355-F59D-4473-856C-D1936530A7C6&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popup=>

DoD Autism Clinical Trial Award

The ARP Clinical Trial Award supports research with the potential to have a major impact on the treatment and/or management of ASD. Funding from this award mechanism must support a clinical trial and cannot be used for preclinical research studies. A clinical trial is defined as a prospective accrual of human subjects where an intervention (e.g., device, drug, biologic, surgical procedure, rehabilitative modality, behavioral intervention or other) is tested on a human subject for a measurable outcome with respect to exploratory information, safety, effectiveness, and/or efficacy. This outcome represents a direct effect on the human subject of that intervention or interaction. The term human subjects is used in this Program Announcement/Funding Opportunity to refer to individuals who will be recruited for, or who will participate in, the proposed clinical trial.

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9DvPNqvD1PBvQ1Bg5mPH7DgBnvP8GJk1V1HLG0p0PpPW83JJQKL756542808?oppld=96555&mode=VIEW>



Cardinal Health Foundation Invites U.S. Healthcare Providers to Apply for Grants to Improve Patient Safety

The Cardinal Health Foundation has announced that, for the fifth consecutive year, it will award more than \$1 million in grants through its E3 - Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Excellence in Healthcare Program to help hospitals, health systems, community health clinics, and other nonprofit healthcare institutions in the United States improve the efficiency and quality of patient care. Applicants are encouraged to submit funding requests for projects that help improve medication safety, particularly for periods when patients move from hospital environments to home and other healthcare settings; or for projects that improve operating room safety through the use of World Health Organization Surgical Safety checklists. These checklists have been proven to reduce surgical morbidity and mortality by providing a list of patient safety activities that a surgical team must complete before commencing a medical procedure. In addition to receiving funding, grantees will have access to coaching and support from experts in medication safety and surgical safety checklists.

Deadline: December 2, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$350,000

Grant Link: <http://www.cardinalhealth.com/us/en/CommunityRelations/Apply/E3>

NINDS Cooperative Program in Translational Research Small Business Awards

The goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support preclinical development and testing of new therapies for neurological disorders. The program will facilitate encourage implementation, development, and review of therapy-directed projects to accelerate the translation of basic research discoveries into therapeutic candidates for clinical testing. Phase II and Fast-Track SBIR cooperative agreements are supported under the program. Phase I, as part of a Fast-Track, supports preliminary steps in the process for the preclinical development of therapeutics. To be eligible for Phase II support, either based on a previously successful Phase I or as part of a Fast-Track, projects must include therapeutic leads and in vivo proof of concept on efficacy. Phase II supports preclinical optimization and testing of the leads and projects must be sufficiently advanced that an Investigational New Drug (IND) or Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) application to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) can be submitted by the end of the project period. Phase II cannot support early-stage therapeutic discovery activities such as screening. The program scope excludes clinical research, basic research, and studies of disease mechanism. The scope includes only therapy development activities, so development of diagnostics, biomarkers, or rehabilitation strategies cannot be supported. **Deadline: December 5, 2011**

Maximum Grant: \$1,000,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-296.html>

Comprehensive Alcohol Research Centers

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) invites applications for Comprehensive Alcohol Research Centers using the P60 mechanism. The overall purpose of the NIAAA Alcohol Research Center program is to provide leadership in conducting and fostering interdisciplinary, collaborative research on a wide variety of topics relevant to the Institutes mission. These topics include, but

are not limited to: the nature, etiology, genetics, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of alcohol use disorders and their biomedical, psychosocial, and economic consequences across the lifespan. Centers also are regional or national resources that contribute to the development of new research methods, technologies and approaches that sustain innovative goal-directed research.

Deadline: December 7, 2011

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AA-12-003.html>

The Specialized Alcohol Research Centers

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) invites applications for Specialized Alcohol Research Centers using the P50 mechanism. The overall purpose of the NIAAA Alcohol Research Center program is to provide leadership in conducting and fostering interdisciplinary, collaborative research on a wide variety of topics relevant to the Institutes mission. These topics include, but are not limited to: the nature, etiology, genetics, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of alcohol use disorders and their biomedical, psychosocial, and economic consequences across the lifespan. Centers also are regional or national resources that contribute to the development of new research methods, technologies and approaches that sustain innovative goal-directed research.

Deadline: December 7, 2011

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AA-12-002.html>

Glenn/AFAR Breakthroughs in Gerontology Award

Sponsored by the Glenn Foundation for Medical Research in collaboration with the American Federation for Aging Research, the Breakthroughs in Gerontology initiative is designed to provide timely support to a small number of pilot research programs that may be of relatively high risk but which offer significant promise of yielding transforming discoveries in the fundamental biology of aging. Two two-year awards will be made in 2012 at the level of \$200,000 total (\$100,000 per year), of which up to 8 percent may be used for institutional overhead.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$200,000

Grant Link: <http://www.afar.org/research/funding/big>

Advancing HIV Prevention through Transformative Behavioral and Social Science Research

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that will advance general knowledge about HIV prevention through transformative behavioral and social science research. An underlying assumption for this funding opportunity is that methods of and findings from social and behavioral studies can make essential contributions to research that utilizes biomedical modalities. In addition, biomedical perspectives are essential for the advancement of social and behavioral HIV research on HIV prevention. Therefore, this FOA invites studies that are comprehensive in the sense that the reciprocal influences of relevant variables, whether social, behavioral, or biomedical are included in study design and interpretation. This FOA is intended to address the goals of the National HIV AIDS Strategy, and therefore studies should address issues that are highly relevant to the domestic (i.e., United States) HIV problem.

Deadline: January 6, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$500,000

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/>

search.do.jsessionid=4sm7TG6M1VXyH13PDnG2PvMpCTk4NrGvbpzJdnB9FhgY2fwrKQfh!966857159?oppld=100633&mode=VIEW

Innovation for HIV Vaccine Discovery

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), is to encourage applications from institutions/organizations proposing innovative, high risk, high impact research to identify novel vaccine concepts and targets that will aid in the design and development of an effective immunogen that may provide long-term protection from acquisition of HIV. The emphasis of this FOA is early discovery research that incorporates new ideas leading to the development of new conventional or outside-the-box approaches for vaccines that may have significant impact on the design of novel immunogens or immunization strategies for an effective HIV vaccine. The program is open to established and new investigators and does not require research expertise in HIV prevention as a prerequisite for submitting an application.

Deadline: January 6, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$350,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-11-018.html>

Innovations for Health Competition

Ashoka Changemakers and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Pioneer Portfolio have launched a new competition, Innovations for Health: Solutions that Cross Borders, to promote healthcare solutions from anywhere in the world that have the potential to be applied in other countries to improve health and healthcare. The competition is intended to help build bridges toward a more accessible, cost-effective, consumer-engaged, and outcome-driven system of health services. The competition is seeking breakthrough innovations such as those that deploy the full spectrum of healthcare workers and providers, thereby improving the capacity, reach, and quality of healthcare services; use simple low-cost interventions to improve medical, preventive, and dental care; help people find and access the health information, services, and providers they need through new tools and processes; provide high quality and personalized care in non-traditional settings; and find new ways to engage patients in their care, particularly patients with chronic illnesses. Early Entry Prize: Entries received by December 12, 2011, 5 p.m. EST will be eligible to win US \$500 and one of two private consulting sessions with industry experts.

Deadline: February 13, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$10,000

Grant Link: <http://www.changemakers.com/innovations4health>

Care for the Critically Injured Burn Patient

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Defense Health Program Medical Research and Development Office is soliciting proposals for the Defense Medical Research and Development Program (DMRDP). These awards will be funded beginning in fiscal year 2012 (FY12). The Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center (TATRC) is administering the application process for this funding opportunity, and the United States Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) is issuing this Program Announcement and will be negotiating all resulting awards. The goal of the DMRDP is to advance the

state of medical science in those areas of most pressing need and relevance to today's battlefield experience, in this case burn injuries. The objectives of the DMRDP are to discover and explore innovative approaches to protect, support, and advance the health and welfare of military personnel, families, and communities; to accelerate the transition of medical technologies into deployable products; and to accelerate the translation of advances in knowledge into new standards of care for injury prevention, treatment of casualties, rehabilitation, and training systems that can be applied in theater or in the clinical facilities of the Military Health System (MHS).

Deadline: February 21, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$400,000

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do.jsessionid=7fnnTrqJJ9xbNHCCSGF2H5BSbWvn7Tq4y2MnvpSn8NM770yZptkcl1302121408?oppld=129414&mode=VIEW>

Improving Adherence to Treatment Regimens for HIV-Positive Adolescents and Young Adults

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to stimulate research projects that will develop, implement, and evaluate new or adapted interventions to improve adherence to medical and/or behavioral regimens for HIV-positive adolescents (11-21 years) and young adults (21-24 years). Applicants may investigate individual, family, social, political, and/or contextual factors that influence adherence, and may develop new or refine existing measures of adherence, in the process of developing efficacious or effective adherence interventions.

Deadline: February 21, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$400,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-12-206.html>

Cardiovascular Research Network

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite new applications for a five-year Cooperative Agreement (U54) award that will transition the current Cardiovascular Research Network (CVRN) to a research center. The overarching goals of the CVRN are to support high-quality cardiovascular disease (CVD) research in community-based care, with a particular focus on intervention and comparative effectiveness research; accelerate knowledge of how electronic health data systems across multiple, integrated healthcare organizations can contribute to intervention and comparative effectiveness research; expand the Network's ability to serve as a resource to NHLBI; and increase research collaborations between healthcare provider organizations and researchers affiliated with organizations outside the Network.

Deadline: February 29, 2012

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-13-004.html>

Improving Adherence to Treatment Regimens for HIV-Positive Adolescents and Young Adults

This FOA issued by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health, encourages Research Project Grant (DP3) applications from institutions/organizations proposing to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve adherence to medications and medical regimens, including self-management, in pre-teens, adolescents, and young adults

with type 1 diabetes. At the end of the funding period, there should be a well-developed and well-characterized intervention that has been demonstrated to be safe, feasible to implement, acceptable in the target population, and, if promising, ready to be tested in a larger efficacy trial.

Deadline: March 2, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$400,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-11-029.html>

Improving Diet and Physical Assessment

Applications submitted under this FOA may include development of: novel assessment approaches; better methods to evaluate instruments; assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or various age groups, including older adults; improved technology or applications of existing technology; statistical methods to assess or correct for measurement errors or biases, methods to investigate the multidimensionality of diet and physical activity behavior through pattern analysis; or integrated measurement of diet and physical activity along with the environmental context of such behaviors. Mechanism of Support.

Deadline: September 7, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=48368>

Improve Health Care Quality through Health Information Technology Grant

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support short-term preparatory, pilot or feasibility studies that will inform larger scale real world health IT implementation and use or the conduct of more comprehensive health IT implementation research.

Deadline: November 16, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$200,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-269.html>

Small Research Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through Health Information Technology

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support a wide variety of research designs in order to improve the quality, safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of health care through the implementation and use of health IT. These designs include: small pilot and feasibility or self-contained health IT research projects; secondary data analysis of health IT research; and economic (prospective or retrospective) analyses of health IT implementation and use. Through economic analyses estimates of health IT implementation and use costs and benefits will be generated.

Deadline: November 16, 2012

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-268.html>

American Federation for Aging Research Invites Applications for Research Grants

The major goal of this program is to assist in the development of the careers of junior investigators committed to pursuing careers in the field of aging research. AFAR supports research projects concerned with understanding the basic mechanisms of aging. Projects investigating age-related diseases are also supported, especially if approached from the point of view of how basic aging processes may lead to these outcomes. Projects concerning

mechanisms underlying common geriatric functional disorders are also encouraged, as long as these include connections to fundamental problems in the biology of aging. Projects that deal strictly with clinical problems such as the diagnosis and treatment of disease, health outcomes, or the social context of aging are not eligible.

Deadline: December 15, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$200,000

Grant Link: <http://www.afar.org/research/funding/afar-research-grants>

AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits Large Research Demonstration and Dissemination (R18) Projects, and expresses AHRQ portfolio priority areas of interest for these ongoing, extramural grants. Mechanism of Support. This FOA will use the AHRQ Large Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grant (R18) award mechanism. Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards. Awards issued under this FOA are contingent upon the availability of funds and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. The total amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the numbers, quality, duration, and costs of the applications received. Budget and Project Period. The total costs awarded to a grant under this FOA will not exceed \$500,000 annually for the entire project period. An application with a budget that exceeds \$500,000 total costs per year will not be reviewed. Funding beyond the first year will be contingent upon a review and acceptance by Agency staff of the progress report.

Deadline: January 7, 2013

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-071.html>

NIAID Clinical Trial Implementation Cooperative Agreement

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) is to invite applications that propose implementation of investigator-initiated high-risk clinical trials. The trials must be hypothesis-driven, related to the research mission of the NIAID and considered a high priority by the Institute. Investigators are encouraged to visit the NIAID website for additional information about the research mission and high-priority research areas of the NIAID.

Deadline: January 14, 2013

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-234.html>

AHRQ Health Services Research Projects

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits Large Research (R01) Projects, and expresses AHRQ portfolio priority areas of interest for ongoing extramural health services research, demonstration, dissemination, and evaluation grants. Mechanism of Support. This FOA will use the AHRQ Research Project Grant (R01) award mechanism. Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards. Awards issued under this FOA are contingent upon the availability of funds and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Applications submitted in response to this FOA will receive the highest priority for AHRQ investigator initiated

grant funds in FY09. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. The total amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the numbers, quality, duration, and costs of the applications received. Budget and Project Period. The total costs awarded to a grant under this FOA will not exceed \$500,000 annually for the entire project period. An application with a budget that exceeds \$500,000 total costs per year will not be reviewed. Funding beyond the first year will be contingent upon a review and acceptance by Agency staff of the progress report.

Deadline: January 17, 2013

Maximum Grant: \$500,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-070.html>

NIDCD Research On Hearing Health Care

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) invites Exploratory/Developmental Phased Innovation (R21/R33) grant applications to support research and/or infrastructure needs leading to more accessible and affordable hearing health care (HHC). For the purposes of the working group and this FOA, hearing health care includes assessment (including screening) and nonmedical treatment and rehabilitation of HL, including hearing aid selection and fitting and aural rehabilitation (counseling, auditory training). The proposed research aims should lead to the delivery of better healthcare access and outcomes and be directed to solutions that are effective, affordable and deliverable to those who need them. Outcomes research and health services research related to accessible and affordable hearing health care are also responsive to this FOA. This FOA provides support for up to two years (R21 phase) for preliminary /development studies, followed by possible transition of up to four years of expanded research and development support (R33 phase).

Deadline: February 28, 2013

Maximum Grant: \$500,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DC-12-003.html>

Interventions for SIDS and Other Sleep Related Infant Deaths

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications to support research to improve the design and implementation, and effectiveness of preventive interventions for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and unintentional injury infant deaths associated with the sleep environment.

Deadline: September 13, 2013

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4sm7TG6M1VXyH13PDnG2PvMpCTk4NrGvbpzJdnB9FhgY2fwrKQfh!966857159?oppld=100794&mode=VIEW>

Patient Safety Research During Neonatal Care

This FOA encourages a wide range of collaborative research projects related to patient safety in the context of both routine as well as intensive newborn care. The FOA welcomes proposals related to (but not limited to): the epidemiology of various domains of medical errors and consequent patient harm; assessing the factors at various levels that contribute to such errors; and intervention strategies at

individual, systems, and institutional-levels to help reduce and eliminate medical errors in the context neonatal care. It is anticipated that knowledge gained from these projects will help develop strategies to deliver highest quality of health-care to all newborn infants with utmost safety and effectiveness.

Deadline: September 19, 2013

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-225.html>

Alcohol Education Project Grants

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) supports research programs to advance understanding of the biological and behavioral processes involved in the development, expression, and consequences of alcoholism and other alcohol-related problems. The Institute also supports prevention, treatment, and health services research on alcohol abuse and alcoholism. A part of the NIAAA mission is the dissemination of new knowledge acquired from alcohol research to diverse audiences, including scientists, educators, clinicians, and other health and social service providers, patients and their families, professionals within the criminal justice system, and the general public. This FOA identifies the research activity on alcohol education of Health Professions that NIAAA will consider for award through Education grants (R25).

Deadline: May 7, 2014

Maximum Grant: \$250,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-205.html>

NINDS Program Project Grant

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is issued by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to enable submission of program project grant applications that propose to conduct innovative, interactive research to answer significant scientific questions that are important for the mission of NINDS, via a synergistic collaboration between outstanding scientists who might not otherwise collaborate. The program project grant mechanism is designed to support research in which the funding of several interdependent highly meritorious projects as a group offers significant scientific advantages over support of these same projects as individual research grants.

Deadline: May 7, 2014

Grant Link: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=X1ncNM9P9dvwyCcTZCcq7T9XF1XymjpNM6NpgFv0LsHvvv2vp3151478093133?oppld=81213&mode=VIEW>

Mechanistic Studies of HIV-exposed Seronegative Individuals

The purpose of this initiative is to support mechanistic studies of individuals who are repeatedly exposed to HIV but remain seronegative (HESN), or demonstrate resistance to infection. The emphasis will be on demonstrating causality, and not simply association.

Deadline: June 7, 2014

Maximum Grant: \$200,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-217.html>

Understanding Clinical Information Needs and Health Care Decision Making Processes in the Context of Health Information Technology

This is a Large Research Project (R01) FOA to express AHRQs interest in funding research aimed at elucidating the nature of cognition, task distribution, and clinical work in various health care delivery settings. Research projects funded under this FOA will address current knowledge gaps regarding our understanding of health care providers information needs and health care decision making processes, both individually and collectively, and as a health care team (composed of doctors, nurses, therapists, and administrative staff).

Deadline: July 5, 2014

Maximum Grant: \$500,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-198.html>

Understanding User Needs and Context to Inform Consumer Health Information Technology

This is a Large Research Project (R01) FOA to express AHRQs interest in funding research projects that will build a knowledge base of individuals personal health information management (PHIM) needs and practices and the design principles related to these activities. The increased interest in and availability of consumer health information technology (IT) applications meant to assist consumers in managing their personal health information has rapidly increased over the past decade. Many other industries have greatly benefited from design principles that take into account user needs and context, which help designers improve the utility of information management tools among a heterogeneous population of users. Individuals are the end users of consumer health IT; however, there is still a lack of basic research around these end users PHIM practices and needs and how these methods are influenced by a multitude of other contextual factors (e.g., care settings, demographics, motivations, user capabilities and limitations, informal caregiving networks, technology sophistication, and access to Internet) that, typically, represent a mixture of facilitators or barriers to adequate PHIM.

Deadline: July 5, 2014

Maximum Grant: \$500,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-199.html>

NICHD Continuing Education Training Programs

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites applications for grants to develop and conduct short-term continuing education programs to improve the knowledge and skills of a broad-based community of biomedical and behavioral researchers conducting research on reproductive, developmental, behavioral, social, and rehabilitative processes that determine the health and well-being of newborns, infants, children, adults, families, and populations, and to disseminate course materials and instructional experience to the scientific community. The program should include both didactic and hands-on experiences.

Deadline: September 7, 2014

Maximum Grant: \$125,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-233.html>

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on

health care policy, financing and organization issues. Supported projects include: 1) examining significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and 2) exploring or testing major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services. Projects may be initiated from within many disciplines, including health services research, economics, sociology, political science, public policy, public health, public administration, and law and business administration.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.rwif.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19274&cid=XEM_205591

California Endowment Grant Programs

Mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians. Based on these convictions, the endowment has based its work on three goals: Access to health; Culturally competent health systems; and Community health and the elimination of health disparities.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.calendow.org/grant_guide/

California Healthcare Foundation

The California Health Care Foundation is encouraging applicants to submit unsolicited request funding to the Foundation by providing a letter of inquiry (LOI). The foundation reviews LOIs on a rolling basis and responds within six to eight weeks. Upon review, program staff may request a full proposal for further consideration.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.chcf.org/grants/letters-of-inquiry>

California Wellness Foundation's Responsive Grantmaking Program

The California Wellness Foundation's Responsive Grantmaking Program seeks to balance a Foundation-directed approach with responses to unsolicited letters of interest. This approach allows us the flexibility to respond to changing circumstances within the nonprofit sector. The following health issues are prioritized: 1) Diversity in the Health Professions; 2) Environmental Health; 3) Healthy Aging; 4) Mental Health; 5) Teenage Pregnancy Prevention; 6) Violence Prevention; 7) Women's Health; and 8) Work and Health. The Foundation also responds to timely issues or Special Projects related to other health issues. While project funding requests are accepted, we particularly encourage requests for core operating support.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: http://www.calwellness.org/how_to_apply/

Help II Financing Program

The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) was established to be the State's vehicle for providing financial assistance to public and non-profit health care providers through loans, grants and tax-exempt bonds. CHFFA administers the following programs:

-Bond Financing Program

-Tax-Exempt Equipment Financing Program

CHFFA also provides direct loans to small and rural health facilities through the following programs:

-Help II Financing Program

-Medi-Cal Bridge Loan Program

Additionally, CHFFA administers two grant programs to provide funding to community clinics and 13 of the state's children's hospitals. These programs are:

-Community Clinic Grant Program

-Children's Hospital Program

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant Amount: \$750,000

Grant Link: <http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/chffa/index.asp>

UnitedHealth Group/ PacifiCare Grants to Benefit California Health Care Consumers

This commitment is intended to focus on programs that benefit California health care consumers. The \$25 million in grants, to be distributed over the next three years, will fall under several different categories, including: technology improvements for safety-net providers; medical education programs in traditionally underserved communities; population-based preventive health strategies; support for Coordinated Care Initiatives – research and informational activities about health care delivery within the coordinated care model in California; and cash or in-kind contributions to help establish and support health care information technology initiatives designed to improve health care delivery.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.pacificare.com/vgn/images/portal/cit_60701/600676563_200MM_Healthcare_Prov_Invest.pdf

HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The purpose of NSP TA is to provide state government, local government and nonprofit recipients of federal NSP funding with the assessment tools and technical and capacity building assistance needed to fully understand their local market conditions, to increase their capacity to successfully carry out federal assistance programs while leveraging other public and private resources, and to achieve positive and measurable outcomes. Under NSP TA, technical assistance will involve the delivery of expert statutory, regulatory, and technical support that improves the program knowledge, skills and capacity of NSP grantees and their partners. Capacity building efforts will be directed at advancing the efficiency and performance of grantees and their partners (e.g., for-profit and public or private non-profit organizations) in the administration of NSP, the leveraging of other resources and the furthering of key Departmental objectives, including, but not limited to, energy efficiency and green building. Eligible applicants are State or unit of general local government; public housing authority, public or private nonprofit organization or intermediary, including institutions and area-wide planning organizations; or Indian Tribes, for profit organizations, a combination of any of the above applying together in a joint application.

Deadline: November 21, 2011

Grant Link: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg

Tenant Resource Network Program (TRN)

TRN is designed to facilitate preservation of projects with Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance at-risk of loss. TRN considers projects at-risk upon occurrence of one of the following events: an FHA insured or Direct mortgage

maturity date within 24 months of the publication of the NOFA; an owner election to Opt-Out filed no more than 12 months prior to publication of the NOFA; a notice of prepayment filed no more than 12 months prior to publication of the NOFA; or the receipt of two consecutive Below 60 REAC scores (not yet under abatement), with the most recent score issued no more than 12 months prior to the publication of the NOFA. The program is intended to be one more tool to assist both owners and the Department in identifying potential preservation strategies or, in the event preservation is not feasible, to ensure that tenants are fully informed regarding available protections such as the provision of tenant protection Housing Choice Vouchers. The program will enhance the Department's partnership with owners by providing an additional perspective on how preservation may be achieved, and will allow owners to make more fully informed decisions regarding continued participation in Multifamily programs. TRN is part of the Department's strategy to meet the need for quality affordable rental homes through preservation of federally assisted housing. TRN-eligible properties are identified as high risk of losing their project-based rental assistance, or where tenants' access to rental subsidy may be at risk. TRN is specifically targeting Combined Metropolitan Statistical areas with the largest numbers of TRN-eligible units, and will provide additional award funds to applicants working in these communities that are disproportionately impacted by the potential loss of assisted housing. Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations with current IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Eligible applicants shall demonstrate a minimum of five years of tenant outreach and organizing work, using some or all of the methods described in "required and targeted outreach," in part C, below. Applicants may work with a local, area-wide or regional team member, such as a local tenant organization, as detailed in the applicant's staffing plan. This local organization will be considered part of the applicant's team and will be evaluated as staff or contractor to the applicant. This team member is not required to have 501(c)(3) status and is not required a 5-year record of tenant outreach and organizing. However, the team member must not have an identity of interest with any owner or management of any property where TRN activity is proposed. Applicants may oversee multiple team members and work in multiple states or metropolitan areas, provided a separate application is submitted for each state or metropolitan area in which work will be performed.

Deadline: December 6, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2F12ThhFrHcvp9BDNvPpf98QDdP9NK T5DgQ9Mh2nvbnVCzvnvJLp11302121408?oppld=128513&mode=VIEW>

J. Jill Compassion Fund

The fund is accepting pre-applications from community-based organizations that support underprivileged and homeless women in the United States. Funding priority is given to non-profit programs and organizations that provide job training, education, and transitional and/or affordable housing to disadvantaged and homeless women. For 2012, priority consideration will be given to programs and organizations that empower women and help them become self-sufficient; have established a relationship with, or connection to, one or more of the J. Jill store(s); and are located near one or more J. Jill store(s) – There is a J. Jill store in Victoria Gardens, Rancho Cucamonga. Applicants must be community-based organizations or national organizations with local affiliates serving

women in need and must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The fund provides support for general operating expenses. Program support is limited to the expansion or enhancement of existing programs, rather than to fund new programs.

Deadline: December 21, 2011 (Pre-Application)

Grant Link: <http://www.jjill.com/jjillonline/compassion/grantguidelines.aspx>

Notice of HUD's FY2011 NOFA Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD's FY2011 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs

This notice describes HUD's FY2011 policy priorities and requirements applicable to all of HUD's NOFAs published in FY2011. The General Section provides overall guidance and direction to applicants regarding HUD's Policy Priorities and their relationship to HUD's Strategic Goals as stated in the Department's Strategic Plan for FY2010-2015. For detailed information on HUD's Strategic Plan for FY2010-2015 visit HUD's website. HUD's Strategic Plan for FY2010-2015 and HUD's Policy Priorities set forth a roadmap of actions to help transform communities through the implementation of HUD's programs. Each program NOFA will contain specific activities, requirements, policy priorities, and outcomes or measures of success that will be used to evaluate submitted applications. In each case, the outcomes described in the program NOFA will support the measures of success described in HUD's Strategic Plan. Each program NOFA will also describe additional procedures and requirements that apply to the individual program NOFAs, including a description of the eligible applicants, eligible activities, threshold requirements, factors for award, variations from the General Section requirements, and any additional program requirements or limitations. To adequately address all of the application requirements for any program for which you intend to apply, please carefully read and respond to both this General Section and the individual program NOFAs.

Deadline: April 4, 2012

Grant Link: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

MULTIPLE FUNDING AREAS

Design for Accessibility

The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization (Cooperator) to develop a comprehensive online resource of up-to-date cultural accessibility technical assistance. The Arts Endowment is partnering with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services on this project. This project may begin no earlier than June 1, 2012, and may extend for up to 18 months.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$180,000

Grant Link: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/RFP/Design-for-Accessibility.html>

Camille Snider Charitable Remainder Unitrust

The Camille Snider Charitable Remainder Unitrust accepts letters of inquiry year round. The letter should contain the purpose of the organization, goals and objectives of the project for which funding is requested, current status of the project, annual budget, detailed project budget including the funding amount requested, and a copy of the IRS ex-

emption letter. The Unitrust has not made any geographic or funding limitations, though it appears to favor Christian schools and children's medical research as funding areas. Contact for more information:

Albert G. Keuler, Trustee (251) 929-1266

27211 State Highway 181

Daphne, AL 36526

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Maximum Grant: not specified

National Spatial Data Infrastructure Cooperative Agreement Program

The purpose of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure Cooperative Agreements Program (NSDI CAP) is to fund innovative projects in the geospatial data community to build the infrastructure necessary to effectively discover, access, share, manage, and use digital geospatial data.

Deadline: January 24, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2m4TT02MpFSCbltcTt2KX2SLTpFLT2XvMqTwzHqn0YH2IGSdJbQ1!347337819?oppld=129893&mode=VIEW>

The Nathan Cummings Foundation

The Foundation's core programs include arts and culture; the environment; health; interprogram initiatives for social and economic justice; and the Jewish life and values/contemplative practice programs. The Foundation seeks to work with partners in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. We make efforts to document the outcomes of our projects and share with others the results of our work and the work of our grantees. Several basic themes run through all of these programs and inform the Foundation's approach to grantmaking:

- concern for the poor, disadvantaged, and underserved;
- respect for diversity;
- promotion of understanding across cultures; and
- empowerment of communities in need.

Letters of inquiry are required before a final application may be submitted.

Deadline: January 15, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.nathancummings.org/programs/index.html>

National Digital Newspaper Program

NEH is soliciting proposals from institutions to participate in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). NDNP is creating a national, digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1836 and 1922, from all the states and U.S. territories. This searchable database will be permanently maintained at the Library of Congress (LC) and be freely accessible via the Internet. (See the website, *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*.) An accompanying national newspaper directory of bibliographic and holdings information on the website directs users to newspaper titles available in all types of formats. During the course of its partnership with NEH, LC will also digitize and contribute to the NDNP database a significant number of newspaper pages drawn from its own collections. NEH intends to support projects in all states and U.S. territories, provided that sufficient funds allocated for this purpose are available. One organization within each U.S. state or territory will receive an award to collaborate with relevant state partners in this effort. Previously funded projects will be eligible to re-

ceive supplements for continued work, but the program will give priority to new projects. Applications that involve collaboration between previously funded and new projects are welcome. Such collaborations might involve, for example, arranging with current awardees to manage the creation and delivery of digital files; offering regular and ongoing consultation on managing aspects of the project; or providing formal training for project staff at an onsite institute or workshop.

Deadline: January 17, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$350,000

Grant Link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/ndnp.html>

MGN Family Foundation

The MGN Family Foundation goals are to make grants in the fields of education, health care, medical research, and children's programs, and to help those in the U.S. Military, including their families. It is the intent of the Foundation to award grants based on achievement, excellence, influence, impactful work, or leadership in a specific field of charitable endeavor. Applicants must provide evidence of such leadership, excellence, or impactful work by notating such within the application or attachments at the time of submission. The foundation desires to recognize and reward organizations making a measurable difference in their communities and the lives of its constituents. Institutions and areas of particular interest include: 1) Colleges, universities, and private schools; 2) Hospitals and clinics; 3) Organizations that support children in need whether due to emotional or physical abuse, neglect, or disadvantaged circumstances; 4) Community welfare with a specific focus on U.S. Military personnel and their families.

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Grant Link: https://www.wellsfargo.com/downloads/pdf/privatefoundationgrants/mgn_application.pdf

Shell Oil Foundation Grant

The Shell Oil Company Foundation's goal is to foster the general well-being of communities where Shell employees live and work. The foundation makes grants in the following areas: (1) Environment - As part of Shell's commitment to environmental stewardship, the Foundation supports projects that restore and protect critical ecosystems, particularly in areas where Shell Oil Company and its affiliates in the U.S. have a major presence. In addition to restoration and preservation efforts, the Foundation funds research projects for threatened wildlife and/or habitats. (2) Workforce Development / Education - The Foundation supports K-12 programs that boost math and science skills, as well as university programs that aid engineering and geoscientist students and their departments. Shell funds projects at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained. The Foundation is especially interested in supporting educational outreach in math, science and technology to minority students and academic institutions with ethnically diverse enrollments. (3) Community Outreach - The Foundation will fund a broad array of community outreach projects, particularly in areas where our employees work and live. These projects range from small, local neighborhood improvement efforts, to large donations and fundraising events for regional non-profit organizations. The Foundation is especially interested in supporting groups that reflect the diversity and inclusiveness of our communities, which is a Shell core value. (4)

Health and Welfare - The health and welfare of Shell employees is of high importance to the Foundation. Shell is committed to supporting efforts that advance health outreach programs in local communities as well as those that improve the welfare of the communities where Shell operates.

Deadline: December 1, 2014

Grant Link: http://www.shell.us/home/content/usa/environment_society/grant/

Little Hope Grant

A Little HOPE, Inc. is a not-for-profit publicly supported charitable foundation, recognized by the IRS under 501 (c) (3), which grants funds to organizations that provide bereavement support services and grief counseling to children and teens who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or loved one. Strong preference is given to applicants who demonstrate a commitment to the use of community trained volunteers, whose programs demonstrate multicultural competence in addressing children & adolescent's bereavement needs, and whose programs are likely to be replicable in other communities. Grant applications are by invitation only and are sent to potential grant recipients during the last quarter of each year. To be considered, email or fax (no telephone calls): the name of your program, your website address, the name of your executive director, and the name of the program director, including their credentials. No other information is needed or will be processed. Do not send letters of inquiry or any other materials unless they have been requested by A Little Hope. No other organizations are authorized to solicit RFP's or information on our behalf.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.alittlehope.org/granting/applicants.aspx>

Archstone: Meeting the Unmet Needs of the Aging

Responsive grant making is the Archstone Foundation's strategy to direct resources to emerging and unmet needs within the field of aging. The following categories are examples of types of issues the Foundation may consider through this grant making strategy.

- * Access to Care
- * Adult Day Services
- * Caregiver Support
- * Disability Services
- * Healthy Aging
- * Housing
- * Medication Management
- * Mental Health/Substance Abuse
- * Professional Education and Training
- * Promoting Aging in Place
- * Transportation

The Foundation accepts unsolicited letters of inquiry on an ongoing basis through the Foundation's responsive grant making process. After review of the letters, if the request falls within the funding priorities of the Foundation the organization will be invited to submit a full proposal for funding consideration. Priority is given to proposals serving the Southern California region.

Deadline: Letters of Inquiry (LOI) accepted year round.

Grant Link: http://www.archstone.org/info-url_nocat2293/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=260754

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Through four programs, and their more specific program ar-

eas, the Foundation seeks to fulfill its mission of supporting efforts that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society. Inherent in all grant-making is the desire to enhance the capacity of individuals, families or institutions at the local level and beyond. The Foundation hopes that its collective work in any program area could lead toward systematic change. The Foundation funds projects in the areas of: civil society, environment, pathways out of poverty, and exploratory and special projects. Applications are accepted year-round, but those received between September 1 and December 31 will be considered only for the following calendar year.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.mott.org/grantseeker.aspx>

The Coca-Cola Foundation

The Coca-Cola Foundation, and its regional foundations strive daily to be responsive to the citizenship priorities in the global communities where they live and work. At The Coca-Cola Company, their community investment priorities reflect the global and local nature of their business and focuses on those global pillars where The Coca-Cola Company can make a unique and sustainable difference: water stewardship, active healthy living, community recycling, and education. All requests for community support in the form of grants or sponsorships for consideration by The Coca-Cola Company, The Coca-Cola Foundation or any of its affiliated regional foundations must be submitted online. Those proposals meeting specific guidelines, and further Coca-Cola's strategic goals and objectives, will be considered for funding.

Deadline: Open

Grant link: http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/application_guidelines.html

Fidelity Foundation

Grants are generally made only to organizations with operating budgets of \$500,000 or more. Grants are made to fund only significant, transformative projects usually budgeted at \$50,000 or more. The Fidelity Foundation considers projects from organizations of regional or national importance throughout the United States. High-impact projects with potential to inform or influence the nonprofit sector are of particular interest. The Foundation's primary philanthropic investments are allocated to the following sectors: * Arts and culture * Community development and social services. Secondly, grants are considered in the following fields: * Health * Education - There are no deadlines, the Foundation accepts and reviews Letters of Inquiry on a year-round rolling basis.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.fidelityfoundation.org/guidelines/index.html>

James Irvine Foundation California Democracy Grants

Governance Reform — We make grants to improve state and local governance. Currently, we give priority to projects in three areas: budget and fiscal systems, election policies and practices, and the state redistricting process. We also welcome ideas for projects in other areas that can significantly improve state and local governance. Through our grantmaking, we support policy development, strategic communications, outreach, coalition building and other activities. For more information about our grants in this area. Civic Engagement — We make grants to increase opportu-

nities for civic engagement among historically underrepresented communities, including low-income, ethnic and immigrant populations. We are particularly interested in innovative approaches and ongoing mechanisms for involving diverse communities in public decision making. In addition, we have a special focus on civic engagement specifically in the San Joaquin Valley and Inland Empire.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.irvine.org/grantmaking/our-programs/californiademocracy/governancereform>

JP Morgan Chase

JP Morgan Chase provides funding in the following areas:

Community development - address issues related to poverty and social exclusion by building economic infrastructure, promoting self-sufficiency, and supporting efforts to narrow social inequities. Education - ensure that all children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have access to high quality educational opportunities with a particular focus on K-12 public schools that help them acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be productive, engaged citizens. Arts & Culture - increase community access to rich cultural resources that foster creativity, promote self-expression, celebrate diversity, and strengthen our environment. The grant application process begins with the submission of a letter of inquiry, and the LOI may be submitted year round.

Deadline: Letters of Inquiry (LOI) accepted year round.

Grant Link: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Home/home.htm>

Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation focuses on the following five strategic priorities for a period of five years. Known collectively as the 5 X 5 Program:

- Helping children get ready for life and work. The Foundation will seek to help 50,000 at-risk children in 50 states to get the tools and support they need to graduate high school and either get an advanced education or find a meaningful job.
- Helping non-profit (civil society) organizations become more professional and productive. The Foundation will endeavor to help 5,000 non-profit (civil society) organizations to get tools and support to increase their capacity to fulfill their missions.
- Enhancing disaster relief and recovery. The Foundation will assist local communities in the wake of hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes and the like – and will continue to be involved through the rebuilding process
- Strengthening local communities. The Foundation will endeavor to enhance the quality of life and provide opportunities to deserving children and families at a local level.
- Promoting global development The Foundation will seek to promote entrepreneurship, economic and community development programs.

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant: \$3,000

Grant Link: <http://www.officedepotfoundation.com/funding.asp>

PepsiCo Contributions'

PepsiCo Contributions' Goal Is To Strengthen The Communities Where We Live And Work Through Community Invest-

ment. PepsiCo, Through Our Charitable Contributions, Is Committed To Advancing Objectives Related To Education, Health And Wellness, Diversity And Inclusion, And Thought Leadership. In Advancing These Objectives, We Provide Support To Approved Organizations On An Equal-access Basis. In That Regard, PepsiCo Does Not Discriminate In Awarding Grants On The Basis Of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Age, National Origin, Disability, Veteran Status Or Political And Philosophical Viewpoints. However, PepsiCo Has The Right To Determine If A Given Project Meets Its Objectives. As It Relates To The Promotion Of Diversity And Inclusion, PepsiCo Is Committed To Supporting Equality Generally, Including Equality In The Workplace.

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant: \$100,000

Grant Link: <http://www.pepsico.com/Purpose/PepsiCo-Contributions/Grants.html>

RGK Foundation

RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of Education, Community, and Health/Medicine. The Foundation's primary interests within Education include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. Within Community, the Foundation supports a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. Human service programs of particular interest to the Foundation include children and family services, early childhood development, and parenting education. The Foundation supports a variety of Community Improvement programs including those that enhance non-profit management and promote philanthropy and voluntarism. Youth development programs supported by the Foundation typically include after-school educational enrichment programs that supplement and enhance formal education systems to increase the chances for successful outcomes in school and life. The Foundation is also interested in programs that attract female and minority students into the fields of mathematics, science, and technology. The Foundation's current interests in the area of Health/Medicine include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and Foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

Sony Corporation of America

Sony's company-wide philanthropic efforts reflect the diverse interests of our core businesses and focus on several distinct areas: arts education, arts and culture, health and human services, civic and community outreach, education, and volunteerism. Each operating company has its own philanthropic priorities and unique resources. While positive consideration is given to efforts that promote literacy and basic educational competency, the company also seeks to apply its financial, technological, and human resources to the encouragement of the creative, artistic, technical, and scientific skills required of tomorrow's workforce.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.sony.com/SCA/philanthropy/guidelines.shtml>

The Surdna Foundation

The Foundation provides grants in the following program areas and goals: (1) Environment: (a) Build support for programs to stabilize climate change at the local, state and national level, (b) Improve transportation systems and patterns of land use across metropolitan areas, working landscapes, and intact ecosystems, and (c) Safeguard the biological diversity and productivity of U.S. domestic oceans; (2) Community Revitalization: (a) Ensure that low and moderate-income residents can continue to live and thrive in Strong Market Cities that are experiencing tremendous growth, (b) Revitalize Weak Market Cities that are experiencing disinvestment, in ways that connect low- and moderate-income residents with opportunities to create and preserve wealth, and (c) Strengthen the Field of community revitalization, to expand our collective ability to address the new realities of cities and the challenges facing low- and moderate-income residents; (3) Effective Citizenry: (a) Improve their leadership, influence and effectiveness via Youth Organizing through research, surveys, power analysis, outreach, base building, membership development, and direct action, multi-year campaigns, young people create systemic change, such as policy reform of public schools, (b) Expand opportunities for young people to serve and engage their communities via Youth Governance and Advocacy, and (c) Ensure the voice of young people is heard on serious community issues via Youth Media; (4) Arts: (a) Promote artistic advancement of teens, and (b) Strengthen the quality of training that organizations and their arts faculty provide, as well as students' access to it; (5) Non-profit Sector Support: (a) Harness capital for social impact, (b) expand media and communications in the public interest, and (c) improve nonprofit capacity to inform the public policy process at all levels of governance; and (6) Organizational Capacity Building Grants: funding up to \$15,000 for board/staff development, marketing, strategic planning, strategic restructuring and communication. Grants are approved three times per year: in February, May and September. Requests are needed three to four months in advance of staff review.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Maximum Grant: \$600,000

Grant Link: <http://www.surdna.org/grants/grants-overview.html>

Webb Family Foundation

The Webb Family Foundation supports a wide range of organizations through its grant making program, and grants may be used for a range of purposes including seed funding, programming, administration, mentoring and teaching. Their main mission is to provide a helping hand to individuals who are struggling against the odds to succeed with determination and a sense of calling. They are deeply inspired by those who face obstacles and who struggle to rise above them with a "can do" attitude, hard work, and integrity. They wish to help them make an impact on the world. They will honor them through our Foundation by championing efforts to support them or organizations that serve them. The online application may be filled out and submitted at any time during the year.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: <http://www.webbfamilyfoundation.org/apply>



SAFETY

International Programs to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (the Office) is pleased to announce a two-stage competitive process for fiscal year 2012 funding of projects that will improve the response to trafficking in persons outside the United States. The first stage is submission and competitive panel review of two-page Statements of Interest (SOI) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that combat human trafficking. In the second stage, the Office will invite applicants whose Statements of Interest meet the technical requirements and are reviewed favorably to submit proposals that expand on their SOI. These proposals will also be reviewed by a panel for consideration of funding. This announcement initiates the first stage and the Office is now requesting applicants to submit a Statement of Interest, as described in this solicitation. U.S.-based and foreign non-profit and non-governmental organizations (NGO), public international organizations (PIO), and institutions of higher education are encouraged to apply by submitting a Statement of Interest. Pending FY 2012 appropriations, the Office anticipates awarding grants of up to \$750,000 per project.

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Grant Link: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=13028>

Non-Profit Boating Safety Grant Program

The Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 gave the USCG new authority to deal with the large growth in recreational boating, including new programs for boat construction standards, boat defect correction oversight, boat operator requirements, and state financial assistance. The state financial assistance program was established to promote cooperative efforts between the USCG and states' boating safety programs. The majority of the program's financial assistance funds are allocated to the states and eligible U.S. territories via a formula fixed in law. However, under the provisions of the Act 46 USC Part 131, up to 5% of the total state financial assistance available each year may be set aside for awards to eligible national nonprofit public service organizations to support National Recreational Boating Safety Program activities.

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Grant Link: http://www.uscgboating.org/grants/nonprofit_grants.aspx

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

Interface between Computer Science and Economics & Social Sciences

The three divisions of CISE and the SES division of SBE seek interdisciplinary research and education projects that develop new knowledge at the Interface between Computer Science and Economics & Social Sciences. Projects should advance knowledge on both sides of the interface. Projects that use known techniques and results from Computer Science or Economics & Social Sciences to advance only one field (either CS or Econ/SS) are not of interest to the program. Social/behavioral/economic scientists and computer scientists can jointly study the dynamic functioning and evolution of social and economic networks with mutual benefit to both fields of study. The Interface between Com-

puter Science and Economics & Social Sciences (ICES) program seeks innovative research at this interdisciplinary boundary, including both projects that develop or extend algorithmic/computational concepts for economic and social decision problems, and those that develop or extend concepts in economics and other social sciences for improvements in computing and communication systems. Proposers are invited to submit proposals in two project classes, which are defined as follows: Small Projects - up to \$400,000 total budget with durations up to three years; and Large Projects - \$400,001 to \$1,000,000 total budget up to four years.

Deadline: December 6, 2011

Maximum Award: \$1,000,000

Grant Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11584/nsf11584.pdf>

Geoinformatics

The Division of Earth Sciences (EAR) will consider proposals for the development of cyberinfrastructure for the geosciences (Geoinformatics). EAR seeks the development and implementation of enabling information technology with impacts that extend beyond an individual investigator or small group of investigators and that facilitates the next generation of geosciences research. Proposals to this solicitation may seek support for community-driven development and implementation of databases; tools for data integration, interoperability, and visualization; software development and code hardening; and data-intensive/new computing methodologies that support the enhancement of geosciences research and education activities. Collaboration with computational scientists and the development of public/private partnerships are strongly encouraged. Estimated total program funding is \$4,800,000.

Deadline: January 13, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11581/nsf11581.pdf>

Geomorphology and Land Use Dynamics (GLD)

Geomorphology and Land-Use Dynamics supports innovative research into processes that shape and modify natural landscapes over a variety of length and time scales. The program encourages research that investigates the coupling and feedback between such processes and their relative roles, especially in the contexts of variation in climate and changes in human impact. Investigations are encouraged that quantitatively tackles issues of rates of change, that use complementary methodologies, innovative data and techniques, and that efficiently combine expertise from related fields.

Deadline: January 16, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09537/nsf09537.htm>

Science of Organizations

The Science of Organizations (SoO) program funds basic research that yields a scientific evidence base for improving the design and emergence, development and deployment, and management and ultimate effectiveness of organizations of all kinds. SoO funds research that advances our fundamental understanding of how organizations develop, form and operate. Successful SoO research proposals use scientific methods to develop and refine theories, to empirically test theories and frameworks, and to develop new measures and methods. Funded research is aimed at yielding generalizable insights that are of value to the business practitioner, policy-maker and research communities. SoO welcomes all

rigorous, scientific approaches that illuminate aspects of organizations as systems of coordination, management and governance.

Deadline: February 2, 2012

Grant Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pins_id=504696

SPORTS

U.S. Soccer Foundation Opens Annual Grant Cycle for Youth Soccer Programs

The U.S. Soccer Foundation has opened its 2012 Annual Grant Cycle. Since 1995, the foundation has awarded grants to more than six hundred organizations in the United States for projects designed to keep children in underserved communities active, healthy, and safe. For the 2012 grant program, the foundation's highest priority is to support projects and programs that focus on soccer as a youth development tool in economically disadvantaged urban areas. Funds will be awarded through Field Building Grants of up to \$200,000 each for the installation of field surfaces, lighting, and irrigation, and Program Grants of up to \$50,000 each for player and team equipment and general program/operational expenses. To be eligible for a Field Building Grant, an applicant must apply on behalf of a program or project operating in the U.S.; be a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, school, municipality, college or university, or sovereign tribal nation; apply as, or on behalf of, a field building project; and own or have a minimum of a ten-year land lease/land use agreement on the land where the field building project will take place. If applying for sports lighting, an applicant must have written authorization from the community where the field building project is located authorizing the addition of lights to the field(s).

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Grant Link: [http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.iplQKXOVfOG/b.5482625/k.282F/2012 Annual Grants Program.htm](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.iplQKXOVfOG/b.5482625/k.282F/2012%20Annual%20Grants%20Program.htm)

National Football League Grassroots Field Grant Program Offers Funding to Improve Youth Football Fields

The NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program, a partnership of the National Football League Youth Football Fund and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, provides financial and technical assistance to nonprofits working to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of youth football fields in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. In order to be eligible for a grant, projects must be sponsored by community-based nonprofit organizations or middle or high schools. In addition, all organizations applying for funds must be located specifically and exclusively within NFL target markets and serve low- to moderate-income areas within those markets. There are two levels of support: General Field Support: Applicants may submit requests of up to \$50,000 for capital projects not associated with the actual field surface (e.g., installation/refurbishment of bleachers, concession stands, lights, irrigation systems). Field Surface Grants: Matching grants of up to \$200,000 are available to help finance the resurfacing of a community, middle school, or high school football field and the installation of synthetic sports turf. A smaller number of matching grants of up to \$100,000 will be available to help finance the resurfacing of a community, middle school, or high school football field utilizing natural grass/sod surfaces. Funds from the program must be used for capital

expenditures only.

Deadline: December 16, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.lisc.org/section/ourwork/national/youth>

U.S. Soccer Foundation Invites Applications for Social Innovation Fund Subgrant Program

The U.S. Soccer Foundation is offering the opportunity for organizations around the United States to apply for the 2012 Soccer for Success Social Innovation Fund Subgrant. The 2012 Soccer for Success SIF Subgrant will support the replication of Soccer for Success, the foundation's free after-school youth development soccer program, which was designed to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children in low-income urban communities. The subgrant program seeks to invest in nonprofit organizations serving economically disadvantaged youth in grades K-8. Grant awards will range from \$100,000 to \$300,000 based on the number of children served and applicant's ability to provide matching funds. Grants will be funded for two years.

Deadline: December 22, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link: [http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.iplQKXOVfOG/b.7790191/k.3796/Soccer for Success SIF SubGrant.htm](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.iplQKXOVfOG/b.7790191/k.3796/Soccer%20for%20Success%20SIF%20SubGrant.htm)

Daniels Fund - Amateur Sports Grants

The Daniels Fund supports organizations that provide quality youth sports programs. The Daniels Fund places special emphasis on programs that foster increased sportsmanship, confidence, discipline, and teamwork among players and coaches. The Daniels Fund also honors Bill Daniels' direction to support national and international amateur sports competition. Funding areas and focus include: Youth Sports, Community-based Youth Sports Programs, After-School Sports Programs, and Quality Coaching/Training.

Deadline: Open

Grant Link: http://www.danielsfund.org/Grants/goals_sports.asp

National Alliance for Accessible Golf Programs for Individuals with Disabilities

Grants support organizations which provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to learn and enjoy the game of golf and its inherent values. The Alliance and the USGA share the belief that the game of golf is exceptionally well-suited to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in a recreational or competitive activity with participants who have various types of disabilities as well as those who do not have disabilities. We encourage inclusive programming – opportunities that allow participants with disabilities and participants without disabilities to learn and play the game side by side.

Deadline: Open

Maximum Grant: \$20,000

Grant Link: http://www.accessgolf.org/grants/alliance_grants.cfm

TRANSPORTATION

Every Day Counts Innovation Initiatives - Request for Information

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hereby requests information from all sources regarding innovations that have the potential to transform the way we do business by shortening project delivery, enhancing the safety of our road-

ways, and protecting the environment. The purpose of this RFI is to hear from our state, local, and industry partners regarding ideas for accelerated deployment of proven processes or technologies that have the potential to provide efficiencies at all levels of the transportation system. This RFI is issued under the FHWA Every Day Counts Innovation Initiative. NOTE: This is a RFI notice. This is NOT a solicitation for proposals or applications, proposal abstracts, or quotations. The purpose for this RFI notice is to conduct market research to identify proven innovations. This RFI notice is not to be construed as a commitment on the part of the Government to award a contract or grant, nor does the Government intend to directly pay for any information or responses submitted as the result of this RFI notice. Information obtained as a result of this RFI notice may be used by the Government for program planning on a non-attribution basis.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts/>

Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMV-OST)

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the availability of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMV-OST) grant funding. The FMCSA established the CMV-OST grant to support quality training for CMV operators. These grant funds are intended for community colleges and truck driver training schools. Because driver behavior was identified as the most prominent cause of truck crashes, these funds will continue to help the Agency achieve its goal of reducing large truck and bus related fatalities by supporting CMV operator training. The CMV-OST grant program has two specific goals: 1. Expand the number of Commercial Driver's License holders possessing enhanced operator safety training in order to reduce the severity and the number of crashes on U.S. highways involving commercial motor vehicles; and 2. Assist economically distressed regions of the U.S. by providing workforce training opportunities for qualified individuals to become commercial motor vehicle operators.

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$220,000

Grant Link: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=12915>

Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies — and, in some cases, to private owners and entities — for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). For large and medium primary hub airports, the grant covers 75 percent of eligible costs (or 80 percent for noise program implementation). For small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, the grant covers 95 percent of eligible costs. AIP grants for planning, development, or noise compatibility projects are at or associated with individual public-use airports (including heliports and seaplane bases).

Deadline: January 1, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview/>

VETERANS

AmeriCorps State and National Planning Grants

The purpose of planning grants is to support the develop-

ment of AmeriCorps programs that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based interventions to solve community problems. Planning grant recipients are expected to be better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle. Planning grants may not be used to support AmeriCorps members. CNCS expects to invest the available funding to applicants proposing programming in the Focus Area of Veterans and Military Families. **Email intent to apply by December 15, 2011.**

Deadline: January 18, 2012

Grant Link: http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=92

McCormick Foundation: McCormick Veterans Program

The McCormick Veterans Program honors the service of America's veterans by supporting nonprofit organizations that assist veterans in overcoming their unique challenges and successfully re-entering life at home and work. Grants of \$5,000 to \$250,000 are provided to organizations that focus on one of the following five key areas relevant to veterans: mental health (including traumatic brain injury, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and traumatic injuries); family issues (including psychological support for family members of veterans suffering from injuries); shelter and homelessness (including programs to help homeless veterans or provide special needs housing); job and career development (including job training, counseling, and resume preparation); and legal challenges facing our veterans.

Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year.

Grant Link: http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/veteransprogram/veterans_program.aspx

YOUTH

Youth Social Settings

The program is designed to support high-quality research projects that address the foundation's current research interests — enhancing the understanding of how youth social settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved; and when, how, and under what conditions research evidence is used in policy and practice that affect youth, and how its use can be improved. Social settings are defined as the social environments in which youth experience daily life. These include environments with clear boundaries such as classrooms, schools, and youth-serving organizations; and those with less prescribed boundaries such as neighborhoods or other settings in which youth interact with peers, family members, and other adults. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be employed at a nonprofit institution.

Deadline: January 5, 2012 (LOI)

Maximum Grant: \$600,000

Grant Link: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/research_grants/investigator_initiated_grants

National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program

The National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program provides financial support to high school students who are seeking educational summer experiences they otherwise could not afford. The program seeks to provide opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds and to enhance the group dynamic and learning opportunities for everyone involved. The scholarship program generally considers stu-

dents eligible if their parents' combined income is less than \$50,000 and they have few other assets. International students are welcome to apply.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Grant Link: <http://ngstudentexpeditions.com/about/scholarships/>

James Irvine Foundation Linked Learning Grant

The goal of the Youth program is to increase the number of low-income youth in California who complete high school on time and attain a postsecondary credential by the age of 25. Irvine seeks to transform high school education in California by making Linked Learning available to a majority of low-income youth and across all socioeconomic groups. Our plan begins with developing and refining the Linked Learning approach, demonstrating its viability at the school and district levels and scaling up for statewide adoption of comprehensive Linked Learning systems.

Deadline: Open (LOI)

Grant Link: <http://www.irvine.org/grantmaking/our-programs/youth>

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